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Trustee Council to Finalize FY97 Work Plan and Name New Public Advisory Group

The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council will meet Friday, December 6, in Juneau to address deferred projects and finalize the restoration work plan for fiscal year 1997. The Trustee Council is also expected to name new members to the 17-member Public Advisory Group.

The FY97 Work Plan is the document that sets the Trustee Council budget and identifies community projects, scientific studies and administrative duties for the fiscal year beginning October 1. The Council approved most of the plan in August, but postponed decisions on several projects while awaiting further details or reports.

The Public Advisory Group advises the Trustee Council on decisions relating to planning, allocation of funds, evaluation of programs, injury assessment and restoration. Members are named to two-year terms and represent groups with strong interest in the spill area. They include residents, recreational users, environmentalists, Alaska Natives, scientists and members representing aquaculture, local government, commercial fishing, tourism, and the forest products industry.

The Trustee Council is also scheduled to discuss protocols for incorporating local knowledge of resources in council-funded studies. Other agenda items include the habitat protection program and discussion of a policy concerning data ownership and archiving.

The public is invited to comment on any Trustee Council activity beginning at 11 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Juneau Federal Building, National Marine Fisheries Service Conference Rm 445C. It will be teleconferenced to Anchorage at 645 G Street, 4th Floor Conference Rm. For information on how to participate from other locations, contact Rebecca Williams at 278-8012.

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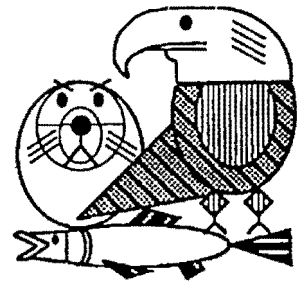
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Trustee Council to Resume Meeting

The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council will meet Friday, November 8, to review nominations for members of the Public Advisory Group and to receive an update on habitat protection programs. This meeting is a resumption of the October 15 meeting.

The 17-member Public Advisory Group advises the Trustee Council on decisions relating to planning, allocation of funds, evaluation of programs, injury assessment and restoration. The group includes recreational users, environmentalists, Alaska Natives, scientists and members representing aquaculture, local government, commercial fishing, tourism, and the forest products industry.

The public is invited to comment on any Trustee Council activity beginning at 2:15 p.m. For information on how to participate via teleconference from any Alaska site, contact Rebecca Williams at 278-8012. The meeting will be held at the Trustee Council Restoration Office at 645 G Street, Rm 401, beginning at 2 p.m.

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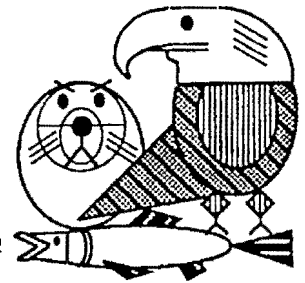
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Trustee Council to Meet

The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council will meet Tuesday, October 15, to consider habitat protection proposals as part of the small parcel program and discuss a proposal to expand the Prince William Sound Science Center research facilities in Cordova.

The small parcel program was established to protect tracts of land less than 1,000 acres in size that are considered important to the restoration of resources and services injured by the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill. The Council, which works only with willing sellers in its habitat protection programs, will consider small parcels on the Kenai Peninsula and Kodiak Island for protection.

In addition, the Trustee Council will discuss a \$514,800 grant proposal from the Prince William Sound Science Center to to expand that facility.

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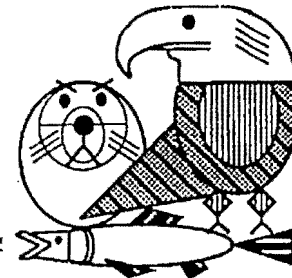
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Trustee Council Approves FY97 Work Plan, Funds Prince William Sound Projects

The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council today approved the work plan for fiscal year 1997, providing \$15.4 million for research, monitoring and general restoration projects for the Kodiak Island, Kenai Peninsula and Prince William Sound regions.

The FY97 Work Plan is the document that sets the Trustee Council budget and identifies community projects, scientific studies and administrative duties for the fiscal year beginning October 1. In addition to the work plan, the Council approved capital projects, including a \$1.17 million to support waste management programs in Cordova and Valdez in an effort to reduce chronic sources of marine pollution. The waste management program will also focus on coastal villages that currently do not have adequate facilities.

As part of the work plan, chinook salmon fry reared at the Wally Noerenberg Hatchery will be released into Crab Bay near Chenega Bay to establish a subsistence fishery for that community. The Council authorized \$45,000 for the program next year. Up to 1,000 adult salmon are expected to return to the area beginning in 1998.

Another Council project, enhancement of local streams to improve salmon spawning habitat, will receive \$115,000 in funding next year. The Council also approved a third year of funding for an attempt to establish subsistence clamming near Eyak and Tatitlek. This project will receive \$365,000 in 1997 to seed juvenile littleneck clams and cockles on eastern Prince William Sound and Lower Cook Inlet beaches.

For the third consecutive year, the Council has authorized \$248,400 to fund a community facilitator program which supports local residents in 10 communities to serve as liaisons between the Trustee Council, researchers, and communities. Other projects taking place in Prince William Sound include harlequin duck research, harbor seal studies, herring research, and archaeological stewardship.

The Council approved an additional \$12 million to go into a restoration reserve account and \$2.86 million for administration, science management and public information. The Council, funded by the \$900 million civil settlement with Exxon, was created to help restore natural resources injured by the oil spill through habitat protection and scientific studies.

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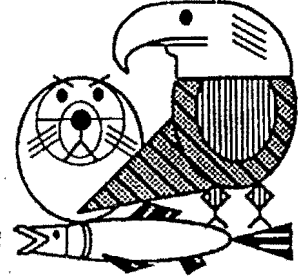
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**Trustee Council Approves FY97 Work Plan,
Funds Kodiak Island Projects**

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The FY97 Work Plan is the document that sets the Trustee Council budget and identifies community projects, scientific studies and administrative duties for the fiscal year beginning October 1. The plan approved today includes \$267,500 to develop a waste management plan for Kodiak Island in an effort to reduce chronic sources of marine pollution. The plan will focus on coastal villages that currently do not have adequate facilities.

Research into overescapement of sockeye salmon into Akalura Lake and Kenai Peninsula lakes has been ongoing for three years. The Council authorized \$214,000 to finish the project during 1997 and produce a final report. Another Council project, renovation of the bypass on Little Waterfall Creek, was finished this summer, opening up additional spawning habitat for pink and coho salmon. The Council authorized \$26,400 next year to evaluate the impact of the bypass on salmon spawning.

For the third consecutive year, the Council has authorized \$248,400 to fund a community facilitator program which trains local residents in nine communities to serve as liaisons between the Trustee Council, researchers, and communities. Other projects taking place on Kodiak Island include harlequin duck research, harbor seal studies, and archaeological stewardship.

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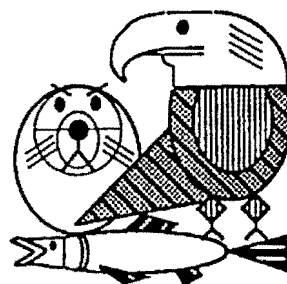
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Funds Kenai Peninsula Projects

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Research into overescapement of sockeye salmon into Skilak Lake has been ongoing for three years. The Council authorized \$214,000 to finish the project during 1997 and produce a final report. The Council also approved a third year of funding for an attempt to establish a subsistence clamming near Port Graham and Nanwalek. This project will receive \$365,000 in 1997 to seed juvenile littleneck clams and cockles on Lower Cook Inlet and Prince William Sound beaches.

For the third consecutive year, the Council has authorized \$248,400 to fund a community facilitator program which trains local residents in 10 spill-area communities to serve as liaisons between the Trustee Council, researchers, and communities. Other projects taking place on the Kenai Peninsula include harlequin duck research, harbor seal studies, and archaeological stewardship.

In addition to the work plan, the Alaska Sea Life Center was awarded \$545,600 to design and build a fish pass. The Council approved an additional \$12 million to go into a restoration reserve account and \$2.86 million for administration, science management and public information. The Council, funded by the \$900 million civil settlement with Exxon, was created to help restore natural resources injured by the oil spill through habitat protection and scientific studies.

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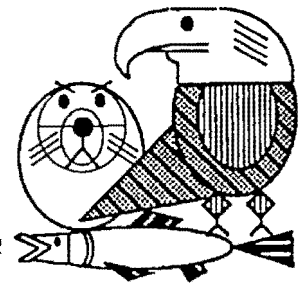
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Trustees agree to purchase Tatitlek lands **in eastern Prince William Sound**

The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council today agreed to spend \$33 million to protect valuable habitat in eastern Prince William Sound, adjacent to the site where the tanker ran aground spilling more than 11 million gallons of crude oil.

The Council has agreed to purchase from Tatitlek Corporation conservation easements, timber easements and fee simple land totaling 64,000 acres. The Native corporation and federal negotiators recently reached agreement on terms of the sale, which is subject to approval by shareholders.

The protection package includes a conservation easement covering Bligh Island, the closest point of land to the now famous reef that put the *Exxon Valdez* into the maritime history books. Bligh Island is considered one of the most valuable parcels in Prince William Sound for its habitat and its importance as a subsistence harvest area.

The land package covers most of Port Fidalgo (including Two Moon Bay, Landlocked Bay, Fish Bay and Whalen Bay), the eastern shore of Columbia Bay and western shore of Sawmill Bay.

Most of the land purchased would be administered as part of the Chugach National Forest. Several smaller tracts would be managed by the Alaska Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation.

Molly McCammon, executive director of the Trustee Council, said the protection package represented a cooperative effort in which each side worked hard to make the best agreement possible. "This agreement will protect habitat important to the recovery and restoration of injured species and help protect important services including subsistence and commercial fishing," she said.

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Under the agreement, Tatitlek Corporation would retain lands for future development and their shareholder land program. "It's a win-win opportunity," McCammon said.

Numerous species injured by the oil spill use the area for nesting, feeding, molting and wintering. The area is important to harlequin ducks, bald eagles, black oystercatchers, marbled murrelets, pigeon guillemots, harbor seals, sea otters and river otters. Bligh Island has the highest nesting concentrations of pigeon guillemots in eastern Prince William Sound. The Hells Hole area is highly productive and is a significant sport fishing area for salmon, cutthroat trout and Dolly Varden. The entire region is popular for recreational purposes and subsistence food gathering.

The Trustee Council will provide \$23 million toward the purchase. The remaining \$10 million will come from the federal portion of the Exxon Valdez criminal settlement. If approved, the purchase will be the eighth in a series of large land deals stemming from the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill. The Trustee Council has already purchased title, conservation easements or timber rights to 361,790 acres in the Kodiak, Cook Inlet and Prince William Sound regions. In addition, an offer to purchase 61,000 acres from Chenega Corporation is pending a vote of shareholders.

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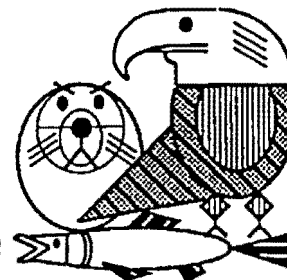
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Trustee Council to Finalize FY97 Work Plan

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The Trustee Council is also scheduled to discuss revised operating and financial procedures, an update to the Injured Resources and Services list, and habitat acquisition proposals.

The public is invited to comment on any Trustee Council activity beginning at 10 a.m. For information on how to participate via teleconference from any Alaska site, contact Rebecca Williams at 278-8012.

The meeting will be held at the Trustee Council Restoration Office at 645 G Street, beginning at 8 a.m. It will also be teleconferenced to the Forest Service conference room 541 in Juneau.

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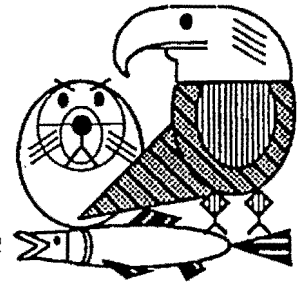
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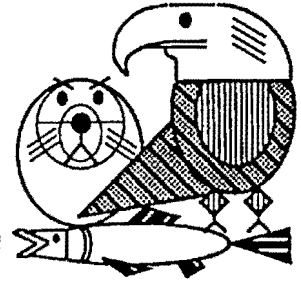
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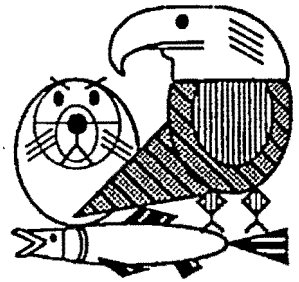
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Trustees endorse cleanup plan in Prince William Sound

More than 7 years after the *Exxon Valdez* spilled its cargo in Prince William Sound, restoration crews will be returning to selected beaches in a final effort to remove tar-like pockets of oil.

The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council approved a plan today to spend up to \$1.9 million to conduct a targeted cleanup near the Village of Chenega in western Prince William Sound. Detailed plans for the cleanup are due to be finalized by the end of this year with the actual work scheduled to begin next summer.

Residents of Chenega, which is centered in the hardest-hit area of the Sound, requested the cleanup, saying the presence of residual oil is a significant problem for the community. Residents told the Trustee Council that remaining oil affects the recovery of injured resources and confidence in subsistence use of the shorelines.

The residual oiling is not considered a high environmental risk to the resources, but the Council endorsed the plan in an effort to boost public confidence in the subsistence and recreational use of the tidelands.

"It's clear that the impact of this spill on local residents is still hard-felt," said Molly McCammon, executive director of the Trustee Council.

"We will never be able to remove 100 percent of the oil from these beaches," she said. "However, we can target some of the most significant areas in terms of public use and haul out the mousse and asphalt, even if we have to do it one bucket at a time."

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A 1993 shoreline survey of Prince William Sound identified 225 locations with residual surface oiling, asphalt or mousse. The Chenega-area cleanup will target surface oil found at eight sites on Latouche, Evans and Elrington Islands. Those shorelines are covered with heavy boulders which have served to hide the oil and protect it from the natural cleaning action of waves.

The Prince William Sound Economic Development Corporation will coordinate contracting for the cleanup, using local companies and local labor. The Corporation is the Alaska Regional Development Organization for the area.

In other action, the Council authorized the Alaska Department of Natural Resources to offer to purchase three small parcels on Kodiak Island and one parcel along the Kenai River near Soldotna. The Council will offer \$375,000 for 76.3 acres along the Kenai River, known as the Patson parcel. The Kodiak parcels include:

- 160 acres in Kiliuda Bay, valued at \$155,200
- 65 acres in Uyak Bay, valued at \$110,000
- 65 acres in Kiliuda Bay, valued at \$73,500

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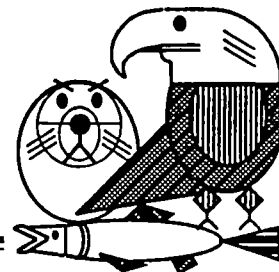
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Contact: Rebecca Williams

EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL MEETING

The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council will meet on Friday, June 28, beginning at 8:30 AM at 709 West 9th Street, Conference Room 541A, Juneau. The meeting will also be available via teleconference in the fourth floor conference room, at 645 G Street, Anchorage. The public is invited to attend.

- The agenda includes a report from the Executive Director on current activities, and tentative action on Prince William Sound Residual Oiling Clean up and small parcel reports.
- Access by teleconference will be available upon request at the Legislative Information Offices or Volunteer Teleconference Centers in Chenega Bay, Cordova, Homer, 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 Rebecca Williams 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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Trustee Agencies

State of Alaska: Departments of Fish & Game, Law, and Environmental Conservation

United States: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Departments of Agriculture and Interior

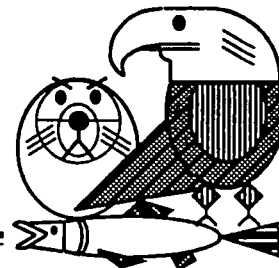
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Hunt joins Council as communications coordinator

Joe Hunt, a former reporter with the *Anchorage Times* and the *Peninsula Clarion*, has joined the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council as communications coordinator.

While writing for the *Anchorage Times*, Hunt spent three years reporting on Alaska's natural resources and environmental issues. He served as lead reporter for the Exxon Valdez oil spill before moving to Kenai to open the *Times'* Kenai Peninsula Bureau. Most recently, Hunt served as public information officer and constituent relations assistant for Governor Tony Knowles.

As communications coordinator, Hunt will oversee development of publications and work with media representatives worldwide to provide information on restoration efforts.

Hunt replaces L.J. Evans, who resigned recently to move to Fairbanks, in this position.

Contact: Molly McCammon or Joe Hunt at 907/278-8012

General information concerning the oil spill and restoration efforts can be obtained from the Oil Spill Public Information Center at 645 G St., Suite 100, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, ph: 278-8008 toll-free within Alaska at 1-800-478-7745.

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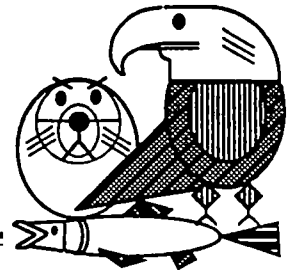
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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

96-10

Date: June 10, 1996
Subject: June 15, 1996 *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council public meeting in Kodiak
Contact: Eric Myers 278-8012

EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING IN KODIAK

The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council will meet Saturday, June 15, 1996 from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm at the Kodiak Senior Center. The public is invited to attend.

The meeting will include an update regarding the Trustee Council restoration program. The Council members are having this meeting in Kodiak to meet with area residents to learn about and discuss their questions and concerns.

Persons who may need a special modification in order to participate in this meeting should contact Eric Myers or Cherri Womac at the Restoration Office, 645 G Street, Anchorage, Alaska (1-800-478-7745 toll free in Alaska).

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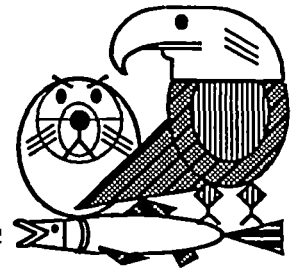
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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

96-09

Date: June 4, 1996
Subject: June 5, 1996 *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Public Advisory Group Meeting
Contact: Douglas Mutter 271-5011

EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL PUBLIC ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Public Advisory Group will meet on Wednesday, June 5, beginning at 9:00 a.m. 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 Wednesday, June 5, beginning at 1:00 p.m.
- The agenda will include status reports on the restoration program and habitat acquisition and a review of the Fiscal Year 1997 Detailed Project Descriptions received for consideration for funding by the Trustee Council.
- Persons who may need special modification in order to participate in this meeting should contact Cherri Womac at 278-8012 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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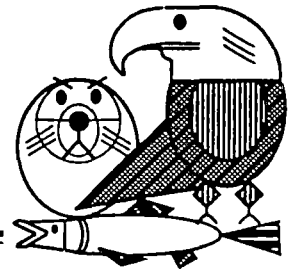
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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

96-08

Date: May 29, 1996
Subject: Trustee Council teleconference on May 31, 1996
Contact: Eric Myers at 278-8012

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Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council Meeting

The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council will meet by teleconference on Friday, May 31, 1996 beginning at 1:00 p.m. The Council will discuss the status of habitat protection negotiations on Chenega and English Bay lands, and hydro-carbon sample storage fees. The Trustee Council will accept public comment.

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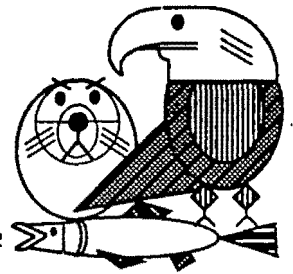
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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Date: April 30, 1996
Subject: Trustee Council Meeting on May 2, 1996
Contact: Eric Myers 278-8012

96-07

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council Meeting

The *Exxon Valdez* Trustee Council will meet on Thursday, May 2, beginning at 10:00 PM in Juneau at the Federal Building Forest Service Conference Room, Room 541-A. The meeting will also be accessible via teleconference at the Legislative Information Offices throughout the oil spill region. The public is welcome to attend.

The agenda will include a presentation on the audit of Trustee Council funds completed by the firm of Elgee, Rehfeld and Funk, reports on the Residual Oiling Conference and the Sound Waste Management Plan, and other matters.

For more information, contact Eric Myers or Rebecca Williams at 907/278-8012.

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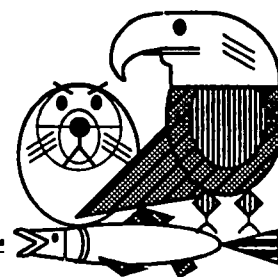
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Date: March 20, 1996
Contact: Molly McCammon or L.J. Evans at 907/278-8012

Trustee Council Releases Independent Auditors' Findings

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The trust funds overseen by the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council were given a clean bill of health in an independent audit released by the Trustee Council in Anchorage today.

The Juneau firm of Elgee, Rehfield and Funk conducted the audit as the result of a competitive solicitation authorized by the Trustee Council.

"We're very pleased that the audit's findings affirm that our financial statements and accounting system are in good shape," the Council's Executive Director Molly McCammon said.

"As part of its trust responsibilities, the Council wanted to assure the public that the trust funds were being well managed, and that's why having an audit done was a high priority."

McCammon noted that at the Council's request, the audit team also examined the financial management of Council-funded projects within individual state and federal agencies. "The auditors made a number of recommendations to improve management practices, and we'll be following up on those during this next year."

The most significant issues the auditors identified were the fees paid to the Court system to invest the council's funds, and the lack of an ability to transfer funds by wire, which reduces interest earnings.

"We've turned these issues over to legal counsel and asked them to develop recommendations on how to address them," McCammon said.

The audit of the Trustee Council funds and expenditures cost \$48,710.

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Press advisory: Copies of the audit summary are available at 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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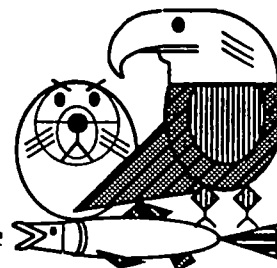
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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Date: March 11, 1996
Subject: Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Public Advisory Group Meeting
Contact: Doug Mutter 271-5011

96-04

EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL PUBLIC ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Public Advisory Group will meet on Wednesday, March 13, beginning at 9:00 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 Wednesday, March 13, beginning at 1:00 PM.
- The agenda will include reports on several projects undertaken by the Trustee Council, including the Sound Waste Management Program, Residual Oiling Workshop, and Information Management Project, and discussions of other matters.
- Persons who may need a special modification in order to participate in this meeting should contact Cherri Womac 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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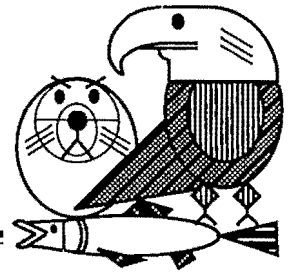
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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Date: February 27, 1996
Subject: Trustee Council Meeting on February 28, 1996
Contact: Molly McCammon or L.J. Evans 278-8012

96-03

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council Meeting

The *Exxon Valdez* Trustee Council will meet on Wednesday, February 28, beginning at 3:30 PM in the fourth floor conference room of the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council offices at 645 G Street in Anchorage.

The agenda will include consideration of the Large Parcel Protection Program including lands owned by the Eyak Corporation in eastern Prince William Sound.

For more information, contact L.J. Evans at 907/278-8012.

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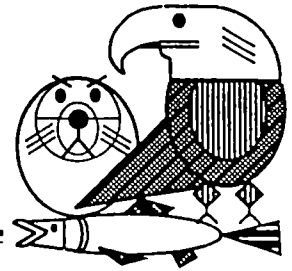
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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Date: February 22, 1996
Subject: Trustee Council Meeting on February 23, 1996
Contact: Eric Myers or L.J. Evans 278-8012

96-02

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council Meeting

The *Exxon Valdez* Restoration Trustee Council will meet on Friday, February 23, beginning at 1:30 PM in the U.S. Department of the Interior Conference Room 220 at 1689 C Street in Anchorage.

The agenda will include small parcel habitat protection actions and an executive session to discuss the large parcel habitat protection program.

For more information, contact Eric Meyers or L.J. Evans at 907/278-8012.

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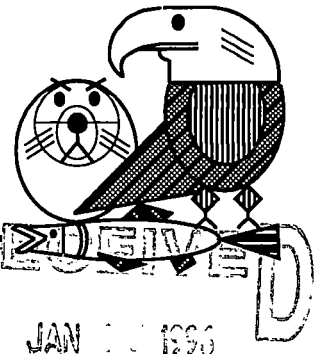
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Date: January 11, 1996
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Traditional Knowledge, Integrated Approach Themes of 1996 Restoration Workshop

Incorporating local knowledge into the restoration program and forming links across different science disciplines are the major themes for the 1996 *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Restoration Workshop to be held in Anchorage January 16 – 18. The workshop will bring together more than 200 scientists, resource managers and members of the public for three days of intensive meetings to review the outcomes of last year's work and help refine objectives for future restoration.

"Our picture of injuries and recovery from the oil spill is becoming more clear," said Dr. Robert Spies, Chief Scientist for the Trustee Council. "For example, we are beginning to understand that climate-driven changes in oceanography and predator-prey relationships may be keeping some fish and seabird populations from recovering."

Keynote speakers at the workshop on Tuesday, January 16 will be Larry Mercurieff and Thomas Albert on the topic of *Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Science: Successful Examples from Alaska*. Mercurieff is General Manager of the Central Bering Sea Fisherman's Association and Alaska co-director of the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society. Albert, as Chief Scientist for the North Slope Borough Department of Wildlife Management, has been involved in management of bowhead whales.

Other presentations during the workshop will focus on ecosystem linkages; subsistence resources and archaeology; forage fish, salmon, and herring; marine

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mammals; birds and other topics related to restoration of resources injured by the 1989 *Exxon Valdez* oil spill. For more information contact the Restoration Office at 907/278-8012.

"We've found in previous years a major benefit of the workshop was the opportunity for researchers working in different fields to talk to one another," said Molly McCammon, Executive Director for the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council. "There aren't many opportunities to do this and the data one person has collected can often turn out to be useful to someone working on a different problem."

The workshop is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, January 16, at the Hotel Captain Cook. Registration is at 8:00 AM and the program begins at 9:00 AM. The workshop is scheduled to adjourn Thursday afternoon, January 18. Anyone wishing to participate in the workshop should pre-register by contacting the Restoration Office at 907/278-8012 by Friday, January 12.

For more information or a copy of the agenda, contact the Oil Spill Public Information Center at 645 G St., Suite 100, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, or call 278-8012, toll-free within Alaska at 1-800-478-7745.

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Press Advisory: Trustee Council member Frank Rue (Commissioner of Alaska Department of Fish and Game), as well as Trustee Council Executive Director Molly McCammon, will be available for interviews in the Hotel Captain Cook during the Tuesday, January 16 afternoon break, scheduled for 3:15 pm.