

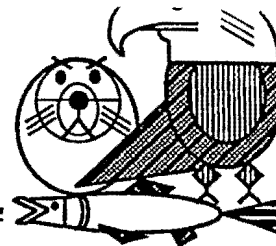
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NEWS RELEASE

Date: April 16, 1992
Subject: Public Documents Released
Contact: L.J. Evans or Mary McGee at 278-8008

EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL RESTORATION DOCUMENTS RELEASED

The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council released today two documents related to proposed 1992 restoration activities. The documents, Restoration Framework and 1992 Draft Work Plan, were written and prepared for release by agencies of the state and federal government as part of the tasks undertaken since the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill settlement with Exxon was finalized last October.

The settlement specifies that the Trustees appointed for the State of Alaska and the Federal Government will receive \$900 million in civil damages over the next ten years to be used to restore the resources and services injured by the March 24, 1989, grounding of the T/V *Exxon Valdez*. The resulting spill discharged almost 11 million gallons of North Slope crude oil into Prince William Sound and the Gulf of Alaska. The Trustee Council is responsible for all decisions relating to the assessment of injuries, uses of the funds received for restoration, all restoration activities, including the development of a restoration plan, and ensuring that there is meaningful public participation in the process.

The Trustee Council is continuing to identify issues that need to be addressed in preparation of the Restoration Plan and associated Environmental Impact Statement. To further this process, the Restoration Framework provides information about restoration planning to date, a summary of injuries to natural resources, proposed injury criteria, and

proposed criteria for evaluating restoration options and alternatives. It also initiates a process for public input into developing the Restoration Plan and an Environmental Impact Statement. The 1992 Draft Work Plan details damage assessment and proposed restoration activities for 1992.

The public is invited to review these documents and provide comments to the Trustee Council. To obtain a copy of the documents, contact the Trustee Council at 645 G Street, Anchorage, AK 99501. All written comments must be sent to the same address no later than June 4, 1992.

A series of public meetings will also take place in May 1992 to solicit public comment. Details on the dates and times of the meetings can be obtained by contacting the Oil Spill Public Information Center, 645 G St, Anchorage, AK 99501 or by calling 907/278-8008.

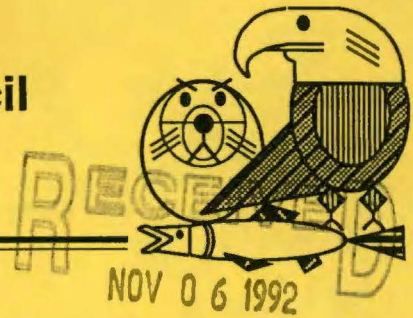
The Trustee Council consists of: Michael A. Barton, Regional Forester, U.S.D.A. Forest Service, Alaska Region; Charles E. Cole, Alaska Attorney General, Alaska Department of Law; Curtis V. McVee, Special Assistant to the Secretary for Alaska, U.S. Department of the Interior; Steve Pennoyer, Alaska Regional Director, National Marine Fisheries Service; Carl Rosier, Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game; and John A. Sandor, Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation.

For more information, contact L.J. Evans or Mary McGee at the Oil Spill Public Information Center by calling 907/278-8008, or by calling the following toll-free numbers: 1-800-478-7745 (within Alaska), or 1-800-283-7745 (outside Alaska).

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WELCOME TO THE EIS OPEN HOUSE

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WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS OPEN HOUSE?

This open house is a key step in the public process of writing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for implementation of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Restoration Plan. Trustee Council representatives and the private contractors assisting the USDA Forest Service as lead agency in preparation of the EIS, are here to listen and record your comments and concerns regarding issues that should be addressed in the EIS. In addition, comments and issues raised during this open house, input from meetings held last May along with comments on the Restoration Framework Document and letters and comments received by the Trustees will be used in preparing the EIS and in complying with Federal regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). This process is intended to maximize public awareness and input to the analysis that ultimately results in the preparation of an EIS. Your opportunities to provide input during the EIS preparation process are diagramed on the reverse side of this sheet. Your input is the driving force behind the issues and analysis of impacts included in the EIS!

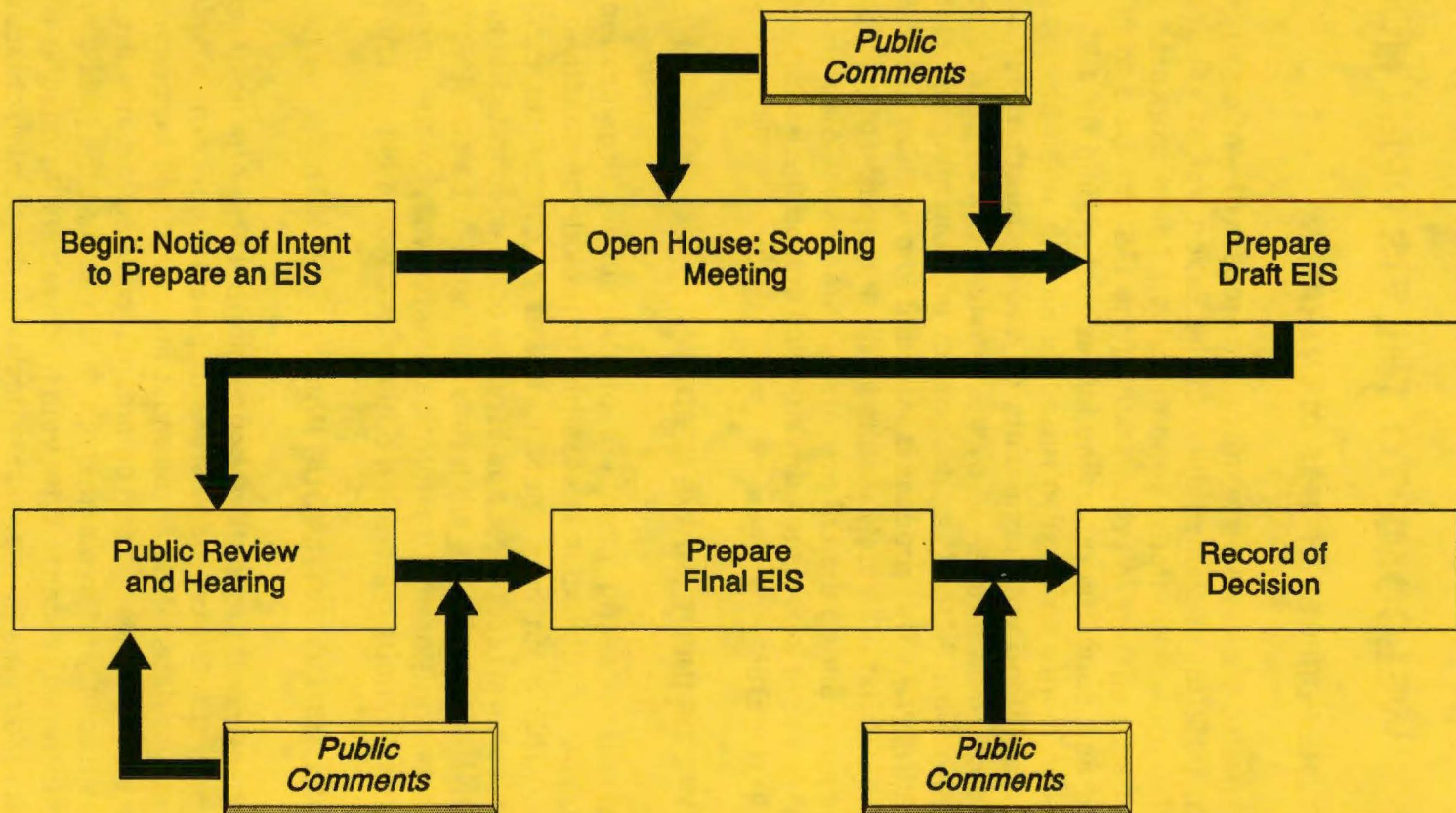
WHAT TYPE OF INPUT DO WE NEED?

As representatives and members of the public, organizations, and government agencies, your participation is essential to provide perspectives that we may not be aware of. This input may relate to issues of concern to local economies, natural resources, cultural resources, and services upon which the Restoration Plan may have an impact. If you feel there are issues that need to be considered when decisions are made concerning possible restoration alternatives, or the impacts associated with implementing various restoration options, we would like to know.

WHAT WILL WE DO WITH YOUR INPUT?

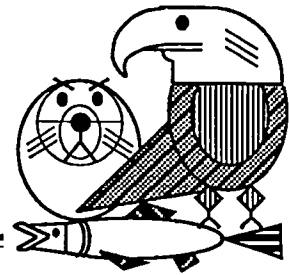
Your comments and suggestions concerning possible effects of restoration options will help to focus the EIS on those areas of greatest concern. Comments and concerns that the public determines to be most important will be given the greatest level of attention and analysis. Your comments will help ensure the efficient use of EIS project resources, and avoid analysis of issues that the public and affected agencies do not consider significant. With your help we can provide the Trustees with the best possible tool to make the necessary decisions concerning choice of a Restoration Plan alternative. Therefore, it is important that you make your views known during this open house or in writing before November 20, 1992, to ensure that the EIS addresses all appropriate environmental issues and concerns.

PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS) PROCESS





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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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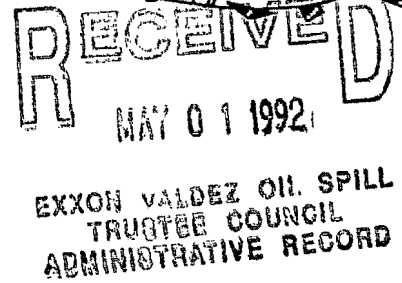
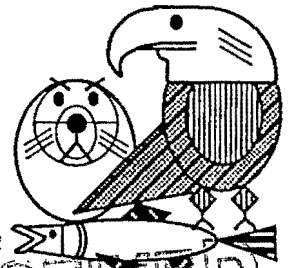
A public meeting is scheduled in Juneau at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 28 in the Hammond Room of Centennial Hall, 101 Egan Drive. The purpose of the meeting is to take comment on two documents related to proposed 1992 *Exxon Valdez* oil spill restoration activities, the Restoration Framework and 1992 Draft Work Plan. The meetings will be led by staff to the Trustee Council, established to manage *Exxon Valdez* oil spill restoration programs.

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Comments from the public on the Restoration Framework are especially helpful if they focus on specific issues that should be addressed in the Restoration Plan and Environmental Impact Statement. This might include:

- general approaches to restoration
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Meetings are scheduled in Cordova, Homer, Kodiak, Seldovia, Seward, Tatitlek, Whittier, and Valdez. Teleconference meetings are also scheduled to Nanwalek (English Bay), Port Graham and villages on Kodiak Island. Meetings will also be held in Juneau, Anchorage and Fairbanks for those who do not live in the spill area.

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 City Council Chambers

Seldovia 2 p.m., Monday, May 4
 Multi-purpose Room, City Building

Kodiak 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 5
 Borough Assembly Chambers

Juneau 7 p.m. Thursday, May 7
 Assembly Chambers, Municipal Bldg., 155 So. Seward St.

Valdez 7 p.m. Monday, May 11
 City Council Chambers

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Tatitlek **Monday, May 11, 2:00**
IRA Council Chambers

Seward **7 p.m. Wednesday, May 13**
Kenai Fjords Visitors Center

Whittier **5 p.m., Thursday, May 14**
Council Chambers

Chenega Bay **11 a.m., Friday, May 15**
Village Council Meeting Room

Anchorage **7:00 p.m., Monday, May 18**
Trustee Council Meeting Room, 645 G St.

Cordova **7 p.m., Tuesday, May 19**
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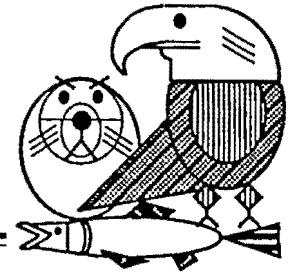
Fairbanks **7:00 p.m. Thursday, May 21**
Gruening Bldg, Room 310 (ground floor)

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