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**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SCOPING MEETINGS**  
**May 14, 1992 6:00 p.m.**  
**Whittier, Alaska**

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<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>Address</b>
Ken Rice	Restoration Team	EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD
Stan Senner	RPWG	
Barbara Iseah	Restoration Team	
Floyd E. Heimbuch	RCAC of PWS	
Pete Petram	Div. Emergency Services	
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Marilynn Heddell	PWS Tourism Coalition	P.O. Box 708
Pete Heddell	Honey Charters, PWSTC	P.O. Box 708
June Miller	Kenny Hill Sea Foods	P.O. Box 715
Ken Miller	Kenny Hill Sea Foods	P.O. Box 715
Tom Lakosh		P.O. Box 100648 Anchorage

**Issues Addressed:**

**General Review**

Ken briefly discussed the following handouts:

- Settlement 101
- Draft Summary of Comments
- Nomination Process/Timeline
- Public Advisory Group Charter
- Letter to Agencies and Public Requesting Ideas for 1993
- Proposed Expenditures for 1992 (Projects and Administration)
- Timeline for the Restoration Plan

**Public Advisory Group**

The Trustee Council has decided to set up a 15-member Public Advisory Group with input regarding restoration activities. Comments are solicited from the public regarding the assignment of seats.

**1993 Work Plan**

The public has criticized some of the programs for 1992 because there was not time for meaningful public comment. Ideas are being solicited from the public of what they would like to see revised or suspended in 1993. Between now and the middle of June, the public is being asked to submit ideas.

**Release of Natural Resource Damage Assessment Information**

Charlie Cole, Attorney General, indicated at the last Trustee

Council meeting that he was no longer going to hold the damage assessment studies confidential. Volumes of studies, some of which are interim reports, will be available to the public as soon as possible through the Oil Spill Public Information Office.

Attention was directed to the following handouts with a brief discussion of each:

Proposed Budget Summary for 1992  
Timeline for Completion of the Restoration Plan and Environmental Impact Statement  
Habitat Protection and Acquisition Process

### **Volume I - Restoration Framework**

While this document is not the Restoration Plan, it heads toward a document that outlines the philosophy for spending settlement funds and will be out in draft this winter. The framework attempts to outline the parameters of the program and is used as a means of garnering public comment.

This document also meets the requirements of NEPA in that it is a scoping document to consider issues and concerns that need to be addressed.

Stan gave the following brief description of each section contained in Volume I - Restoration Framework:

- Chapter I - provides the background of the legal settlement
- Chapter II - deals with the public participation actions which have been taken and will be taken
- Chapter III - describes restoration planning
- Chapter IV - contains the summary of the injury information to date
- Chapter V - proposes criteria for determining when the injury is sufficient to warrant any restoration action; this is a very important chapter in deciding what was injured and what to spend the money on; two definitions, natural resources and natural resource services, should be examined closely in determining what to restore
- Chapter VI - talks about criteria needed for evaluating restoration options
- Chapter VII - contains six conceptual restoration alternatives
- Appendix A - provides information on injured resources and services
- Appendix B - provides 35 restoration options for consideration and the 14 options rejected

The planning group has sifted through hundreds of restoration options. The 35 options contained in Appendix B represent a distillation of the hundreds of options.

Copies of a chapter-by-chapter prompt were distributed to elicit feedback from the public.

**Questions:**

Ken and Stan answered the following questions posed by the public:

When does the advisory group begin functioning? Floyd Heimbuch

Is there a ratio of how much money the state and federal governments get each year? Floyd Heimbuch

Is \$70 million going to be deposited yearly? Pete Petram

Who prepared the framework document? Floyd Heimbuch

Are the salaries for agency people preparing the framework document coming from the settlement fund? Floyd Heimbuch

Which commissioner does this work group report to? Floyd Heimbuch

What does the term scoping mean in the framework document? Floyd Heimbuch

What are indirect uses and why is this a particular concern? Floyd Heimbuch

Did the options in the framework document come from the public or agency staff? Floyd Heimbuch

What is the definition and scope of restoration? Ken Miller

Can she put in a request for a nomination from her coalition to the Public Advisory Group? Marilyn Heddell

**Oral Statements Presented:**

Floyd Heimbuch

- wants a strong adherence that there was some damage here due to the spill; tying the injury to the spill should be a strong criteria

Pete Heddell

- wasn't sure where the meeting was being held
- has a day charter operation
- the problem now is not the oil spill but management; dead otters can't be replaced
- human nature is such that every one will try to get a chunk of the money on the table; has seen some things in the past

that indicate that management of funds is questionable  
-marine operator coverage is marginal; the issue of a  
repeater system was discussed; communications could be  
improved

Marilyn Heddell

-concerned that money not be spent on one study after  
another  
-from a tourism aspect, she would like a better communica-  
tion system where people could get the weather prior to  
going out

Pete Petram

-has watched far out uses of the oil and hazardous sub-  
stances response fund; the Trustee Council will come  
under pressure in defining injury criteria; they should  
find some very tight spending criteria that fits injury  
criteria; this should be dealt with up front

June Miller

-there was not a lot on shellfish, particularly spot shrimp,  
discussed in the framework document  
-bioremediation did not help  
-the feeding grounds have changed and they are seeing more  
aggressive fish

Ken Miller

-there was no money appropriated to study shellfish in the  
Sound; would like some restoration money put into this  
study  
-it seems to be very quiet in the Sound

Tom Lakosh

-area is still subject to major oil impact; in order to  
restore property, the oil has to still be removed; there  
has been no restoration process approved to remove subsur-  
face oil; the berm relocation program was a disaster; it  
polluted more previously unimpacted area; it is not appro-  
priate to have a policy which allows the oil to remain;  
techniques need to be developed that are approved for use  
in removing subsurface oil; vessels could be adapted for  
this technique; did a shoreline survey for VECO; found that  
where there was fresh water or wave action, the oil was re-  
moved by cold water; could put together a small system that  
could do 500 to 1,000 square feet at a time costing  
about \$5,000 in hosing equipment; there needs to be some  
injection method that will get the hydrocarbons out of

the beaches; if necessary he would get in his boat and do the work himself; he could not do recovery and disposal with the budget he could get; he would like some support from a government agency; nobody is supporting application of the resources to cope with the oil pollution problem

Ken gave an overview of the meeting for members of the public who came in late.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20.