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## Meeting Summary

A. GROUP: Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Public Advisory Group (PAG)

B. DATE/TIME: April 16, 1993

C. LOCATION: Anchorage, Alaska

D. MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

| <u>Name</u>                          | <u>Principal Interest</u> |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Rupert Andrews                       | Sport Hunting and Fishing |
| Pamela Brodie                        | Environmental             |
| James Cloud                          | Public-at-Large           |
| James Diehl                          | Recreation Users          |
| Richard Eliason                      | Public-at-Large           |
| John French                          | Science/Academic          |
| James King                           | Conservation              |
| Vern McCorkle                        | Public-at-Large           |
| John McMullen                        | Aquaculture               |
| Gerald McCune                        | Commercial Fishing        |
| Brad Phillips                        | Commercial Tourism        |
| Charles Totemoff                     | Native Landowners         |
| Cliff Davidson ( <i>ex officio</i> ) | Alaska State House        |

E. NOT REPRESENTED:

| <u>Name</u>                           | <u>Principal Interest</u> |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Paul Gavora                           | Public-at-Large           |
| Rick Knecht                           | Subsistence               |
| Lew Williams                          | Public-at-Large           |
| Jalmar Kertulla ( <i>ex officio</i> ) | Alaska State Senate       |

F. OTHER PARTICIPANTS:

| <u>Name</u>                  | <u>Organization</u>                                 |
|------------------------------|---|
| Kathy Anderson               | Eyak  |
| Pamela Bergmann (for Mutter) | Designated Federal Officer<br>Dept. of the Interior |
| Mark Broderson               | Restoration Team<br>AK Dept. Envir. Conservation    |
| Dave Gibbons                 | Restoration Team Interim<br>Administrative Director |
| Veronica Gilbert             | Restoration Team                                    |
| George Matz                  | Alternate to Jim King                               |
| Charles McKee                | Self  |
| Ken Rice                     | Restoration Team<br>U.S. Forest Service             |
| Jerry Rusher                 | Rusher Services                                     |
| Lee Wyatt                    | The Eyak Corp.                                      |

## G. SUMMARY:

The information session was opened at 9:30 a.m. by Chairperson Brad Phillips. Pamela Bergmann reminded PAG members to turn in outstanding travel expense forms as soon as possible after completion of travel--information is required from Pamela Brodie, John French, Paul Gavora, Rick Knecht, John McMullen, and Lew Williams.

Dave Gibbons provided a summary of the March 10 and March 29, 1993 Trustee Council meetings (attachments J.1 and 2). Actions taken by the Trustee Council on PAG recommendations are:

- Approved work to proceed on a PAG Charter amendment to allow for selection of PAG voting alternates.

- Amended the PAG Operating Procedures to include alternate members and Trustee Council intent statements in the introduction and as an appendix.

- Approved the amended PAG Operating Procedures.

- Approved a fact-finding trip to Prince William Sound for the PAG, costs to total about \$2,000, pending legal review.

Gibbons distributed a list of potential projects for consideration in the 1994 Work Plan (attachment J.3) and a draft restoration program work schedule (attachment J.4).

Bergmann reiterated the need to obtain information for the designation of official PAG alternates from members, per the March 25, 1993 memorandum from the Designated Federal Officer.

Gibbons gave a status report on imminent threat habitat protection activities. Draft negotiating guidelines are going to the Trustee Council. A list of concerns/issues is attached (also see attachment J.5) Phillips asked if some PAG members could attend the May 13 Trustee Council meeting to voice their concerns about the habitat protection process.

Veronica Gilbert and Ken Rice gave a presentation on the Restoration Plan Alternatives Brochure, which was previously mailed to PAG members. The PAG discussed and commented on the brochure.

Rice discussed the status of the 1994 Work Plan (attachment J.3). The PAG discussed and commented on the list of potential projects.

Phillips discussed the upcoming May 24, 1993 fact-finding trip into Prince William Sound. Either the PAG member or their alternate will be funded for this trip. Additional

information will be forthcoming. A PAG meeting will be held the next day in Anchorage.

PAG members were given the opportunity to comment on issues and concerns.

Gibbons briefly reviewed a draft memorandum to the Trustee Council from the Restoration Team concerning public participation in the restoration program.

The information session was opened for public comment. Kathy Anderson wanted to know what the role of the PAG really is--she is disappointed in the current process. Jerry Rusher was interested in participating in the fact-finding trip. Charles McKee presented testimony.

#### H. FOLLOW-UP:

1. Chairperson, Brad Phillips, will give the status report at the May 13, 1993 Trustee Council meeting in Anchorage.
2. Dave Gibbons will distribute agendas for Restoration Team meetings to PAG members and interested persons who request them.
3. Doug Mutter will include in each PAG agenda a time period for PAG member comment (about 45 minutes at the end of meetings). At the next meeting, an agenda item will be a discussion about where the PAG is going and what their purpose is. The public comment period should be divided into a morning session and an afternoon session.
4. Mutter will issue a summary of the meeting and the key points of concern about habitat protection prior to the Trustee Council meeting on May 13.
5. Gibbons will prepare information on how much has been spent on studies and restoration for each resource and service since the spill.
6. Mutter will issue a memorandum regarding the May 24, 1993 fact-finding trip into Prince William Sound.
7. PAG members need to get their information about suggested alternates to Doug Mutter as soon as possible. PAG members are to advise Doug Mutter if they are unable to attend a meeting and if their alternate will attend in their place.
8. PAG members are to get comments to Brad Phillips before the Trustee Council meeting on May 13, regarding habitat protection concerns.
9. Veronica Gilbert will see that ads are placed in the

Ketchikan and Sitka newspapers announcing the availability of the Restoration Alternatives Brochure.

10. Mutter will prepare PAG budget information for the next PAG meeting and report on possible funding for the Regional Citizens Advisory Councils.

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**J. ATTACHMENTS:**

Handouts attached for those not present:

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2. March 29, 1993 Trustee Council Meeting Notes
3. Potential projects for 1994 Work Plan (vol. II tab IV)
4. Draft Work Schedule for 1993/1994 (vol. II tab IV)
5. Letter to landowners regarding habitat protection (vol. II tab V)

**K. CERTIFICATION:**

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PAG Chairperson

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Date

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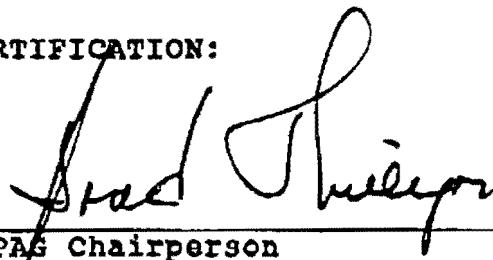
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PAG Chairperson

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