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Meeting Summary

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

B. DATE/TIME: November 23, 1993

C. LOCATION: Anchorage, Alaska

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D. MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Principal Interest</u>
Rupert Andrews	Sport Hunting and Fishing
Pamela Brodie	Environmental
Jim Diehl	Recreation Users
Donna Fischer	Local Government
John French	Science/Academic
Sharon Gagnon (for Williams)	Public-at-Large
James King	Conservation
Vern McCorkle	Public-at-Large
Mary McBurney (for McCune)	Commercial Fishing
John McMullen	Aquaculture
Ken Erickson (for Pearce)	Alaska State Senate
Brad Phillips, Chair	Commercial Tourism
Kim Benton (for Sturgeon)	Forest Products
Dolly Reft (for Knecht)	Subsistence
Charles Totemoff	Native Landowners

E. NOT REPRESENTED:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Principal Interest</u>
James Cloud	Public-at-Large
Cliff Davidson (<i>ex officio</i>)	Alaska State House
Richard Eliason	Public-at-Large
Don McCumby (alternate)	Public-at-Large

F. OTHER PARTICIPANTS:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Jim Ayers	Executive Director, EVOS Restoration Team
Michael Castellini	Univ. of Alaska Fairbanks
Willard Dunham	AK SeaLife Center
L.J. Evans	Restoration Team Staff
Dave Gibbons	Restoration Team Interim Administrative Director
Dane Harris	
Willie Hensley	NANA
Bill Hines	National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration

Dan Hull	Prince William Sound Fisheries Ecosystem Research Planning Group
Karen Klinge	U.S. Forest Service
Karen Kroon	Prince William Sound Tourism Coalition
Bob Loeffler	AK Dept. Envir. Conservation
Jerome Montague	Restoration Team AK Dept. Fish and Game
Joyce Murphy	AK SeaLife Center
Doug Mutter	Designated Federal Officer Dept. of the Interior
Eric Myers	Alaska Center for the Environment
Ken Rice	Restoration Team U.S. Forest Service
Sandy Rabinowitch	National Park Service
Leif Selkregg	Heery International
Darryl Shaefermeyer	AK SeaLife Center
Lewis Stackpole	???
Ray Thompson	U.S. Forest Service

G. SUMMARY:

The meeting was opened at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Brad Phillips. The July 15-16, 1993 meeting summary was accepted. Dave Gibbons distributed a summary of the August 6 & 9, 23, September 16-17, and October 27, 1993 Trustee Council meetings (attachments J.7, 8, 9, 10). Gibbons introduced the new permanent Executive Director for the Restoration Office, Jim Ayers.

John French reported on the Endowment Work Group recommendations. The question of legality of an endowment was raised--it was recommended that the PAG not be concerned about legal ambiguities at this time, but that they present their concept to the Trustee Council and request that the Trustee Council obtain legal opinion. The subject was postponed to the afternoon session, when the Work Group proposal was modified and passed (13 for, 2 (Pamela Brodie and Jim Diehl) against) (see attachment J.2).

Charles Totemoff moved (second by Diehl) that the Preliminary Statement of Principles for Evaluation of EVOS Work Plans that was postponed at the July 1993 meeting of the PAG be passed on to the Trustee Council. The Statement was modified and passed unanimously (see attachment J.3).

French moved (second by Mary McBurney) to defer recommendations about projects for the 1994 Work Plan until the PAG had the full 1994 Work Plan before them for discussion (probably in January) (passed unanimously).

Diehl raised a question about the RFP and proposal process used for the killer whale project in 1993. It appeared that changes were made during the process that precluded local Alaskan scientists from participating in the scientific elements of the study. (See also attachment J.6). The issue was tabled until discussion of the 1994 Work Plan projects.

Bob Loeffler and Sandy Rabinowitch presented an overview of the review copy of the Draft Restoration Plan. This interim draft is for informal review and for use in determining 1994 projects. It is anticipated that a draft environmental impact statement will be prepared and a formal public review will occur in 1994. The plan presents general guidelines and policies, not detailed allocations of effort. After questions, answers, and discussion, specific recommendations for change were made (see attachment J.4). Some general comments made during discussion:

- will need to present alternatives and response to public comments during the EIS process

- need more information about how reimbursements were spent

- how can you allow the price of land to exceed fair market value?

- we should limit this plan to those actions approved by the court in the settlement

- this says very little about what will be done, or won't be done--there is no action identified

Darryl Shaefermeyer, Michael Castellini and Joyce Murphy presented information and answered questions about the proposed Alaska SeaLife Center in Seward (see attachment J.5).

Brodie moved (second by Benton) that the PAG request that the Trustee Council release detailed information justifying past reimbursements, and any future reimbursement requests, of funds to State and Federal agencies (passed unanimously). It was noted that at least 20% of the settlement funds went to reimbursements with little explanation as to what these expenses were.

The meeting was opened for public comment at 4:40 p.m. Testimony was presented by Karen Kroon (see attachment J.11), Dan Hull, and Charles McKee (see attachment J.12).

McCorkle moved (second by McMullen) that there be unanimous consent to retain the current officers (Chair: Brad Phillips, Vice-Chair: Donna Fischer) of the PAG for the next year (passed unanimously).

The PAG members were invited to offer comments on issues and concerns. King moved (second by Fischer) to send a letter of appreciation to Dave Gibbons (passed unanimously). Benton moved (second by Fischer) that a status report on approved projects be prepared and distributed to the PAG from time to time (passed unanimously). For example, what is the status of the Kodiak Archeological Repository project? McCorkle offered appreciation of the efforts of PAG members to review the Review Copy Draft Restoration Plan on such a short time-frame. Fischer offered appreciation to the endowment Work Group for their efforts.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m. on November 23, 1993.

H. FOLLOW-UP:

1. John French will present a summary of PAG actions at the November 30, 1993 Trustee Council meeting, since the Chairperson will be out of town at that time.
2. Mutter will meet with Ayers to determine when the 1994 Work Plan will be ready for review and will then contact Phillips about when the next PAG meeting should be.
3. Mutter will distribute to the PAG the comprehensive habitat protection process description and information about the number of landowners contacted.

I. NEXT MEETING: To be determined.

J. ATTACHMENTS:

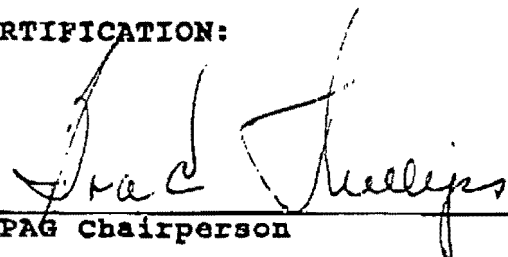
1. Summary of PAG actions taken November 23, 1993
2. Endowment for Restoration and Monitoring
3. Recommended changes to the Review Copy Draft Restoration Plan
4. Statement of Some Principles for Evaluation of EVOS Work Plans and for Their Implementation

Handouts attached for those not present:

5. Alaska SeaLife Center Information
6. Nancy Lethcoe letter on killer whale project
7. Summary of August 6 & 9, 1993 Trustee Council Meeting
8. Summary of August 23, 1993 Trustee Council Meeting

9. Summary of September 16 & 17, 1993 Trustee Council Meeting
10. Summary of October 27, 1993 Trustee Council Meeting
11. Prince William Sound Tourism Coalition letter and recreation project list
12. McKee handouts
13. Example and blank travel itinerary forms for PAG members

K. CERTIFICATION:


PAG Chairperson

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