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Nov 4-5, 1997

Meeting Summary

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

B. DATE/TIME: November 4-5, 1997

C. LOCATION: Anchorage, Alaska

D. MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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G. SUMMARY:

The meeting was opened November 4 at 8:30 a.m. by Rupert Andrews. After roll call, the summary of the July 16, 1997 meeting was approved.

Molly McCammon provided the Executive Director's report. She reported on the status of legislation to change management of EVOS accounts, which are held in the U.S. Court System. Some changes not desired by the Trustee Council are being proposed. The Trustee Council will meet December 18 to act on deferred projects for this year's work plan. A harbor seal workshop will be held November 12-13, 1997. Negotiations are underway for large parcel acquisitions with Afognak Joint Venture and with Koniag. An agreement was reached for acquisition of small parcels at Homer.

McCammon gave an overview of the restoration reserve planning process. Ideas for a research fund were put forward as early as September 1989. Arliss Sturgulewski and the PAG have put forward papers on the reserve concept. The Trustee Council has asked for a full public planning process at this time, to assist them in deciding what to do with the reserve, and how to do it. Public comments were solicited in this summer's newsletter (copies were distributed to PAG members).

Stan Senner reviewed the recovery status of injured resources. An official update was done in 1996, and another will be done in 1998. Several species appear to be recovering and will change status. The ecosystem has not recovered, and recovery of several species is yet unknown.

Veronica Christman provided a summary of the public comments on the reserve received to date (a summary was distributed to the PAG). Of 179 responses, 59 addressed all questions and 39 spoke in favor of a permanent research and monitoring program.

The session was opened for public comment. Karl Pulliam (via telecon) supported increased research and monitoring in the Cook Inlet/Kachemak Bay area, a project to compile information for the area, and support for efforts such as Cook Inlet Keeper and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Estuarine Reserve program. Theresa Obermeyer offered comment and distributed a handout.

Bob Spies presented his thoughts on use of the reserve fund (a paper was distributed to the PAG). He and the core scientific peer review team propose a long-term research and monitoring program of the northern Gulf of Alaska, taking an adaptive, interdisciplinary, ecosystem approach. He estimates it will take \$4-5 million annually for an effective program, which should cooperate with other research efforts.

McCammon introduced presentations on remaining habitat protection opportunities (reports were distributed to the PAG). Dave Gibbons went over Forest Service options within Prince William Sound, noting Native shareholder homesites would be the major future opportunities—there are no small parcels. Chuck Gilbert discussed Park Service options, stating that Port Graham is not interested in selling any land, English Bay purchases are completed, and there are no small parcels. The coast along Lake Clark National park is a potential, but is involved in pending CIRI and village land deals. Mark Kuwada spoke about Department of Fish and Game possibilities, mainly small parcels along the Kenai River. Carol Fries discussed Department of Natural Resources interests, mostly Kenai River small parcels. Alex Swiderski mentioned that many small parcels become available over a period of time, ones that aren't available now may be at a later date. McCammon outlined Fish and Wildlife Service possibilities—mainly small parcels on Kodiak Island, Afognak Island parcels, and lands within the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge.

Hugh Short discussed community interests (see handout #1). Hearings will be held after January in all rural communities, as well as Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau. Local control of research, education and cultural projects are desired by most of the community facilitators, who represent Tribal Councils. Native internships were discussed. Native input into the process is desired.

Dave Cobb suggested that assisting resources over the long-term was important, a small advisory group of stakeholders could manage the funds, and that there were enough land acquisitions.

McCammon stated that the Trustee Council wants to present a range of options for the next round of public comment. There is still a mission tied to the injured resources that keeps the program close to the purposes outlined in the settlement.

Al Tyler outlined the endowed University chairs option. About \$2 million can support one endowed chair (salary and benefits only). The specific kind of chair can be identified, and the method of managing finances can be established. Jim King noted that funding research projects through the University also gives education to others. The Group discussed endowed chairs and where this option should be placed in the presentation of options. Tyler proposed adding the following language to the option: "The incumbent of an endowed chair would occupy the position for a fixed term (e.g., 5 years)."

The possibility of funding a research institute was brought up. Allocation of fixed percentages of the fund was discussed. Increasing the amount going into the fund and allowing funds to be used for agency programs were also discussed. Leveraging funds with other research projects and perhaps establishing an overall research coordination group were ideas presented. Giving money to local foundations was put forth. Chuck Meacham suggesting deleting large parcel acquisition as an option since it would take too much of the fund to accomplish. Brenda Schwantes agreed, but Pam Brodie said that all options should be included for public discussion. Stacy Studebaker said that recreational amenities should be funded. Chip Dennerlein supports leaving large parcel acquisitions in the mix.

The PAG discussed and voted on the options to be included in the draft public discussion paper (distributed to the PAG).

USE: Item 1 should be called Ecosystem Research and Monitoring and should include the concept of coordination with other efforts, and the concept of terrestrial vs. marine components of the ecosystem should be given further thought. Passed unanimously

Item 2 should be called: Large Parcel Habitat Protection. Inclusion in the options paper passed by a vote of 8 to 6, with Beck, Buretta, Cobb, Meacham, Schwantes, and Totemoff opposing.

Item 3 should be called Small Parcel Habitat Protection. Passed, with 2 no votes from Totemoff and Buretta.

Item 4 should include the language Tyler presented (above), and include a clear definition along with the concepts of research and teaching. Passed with 1 no vote from Brodie, who said it should be in the research category.

Item 5 should be called Community-Based Restoration Projects, and should include recreational improvements, subsistence, tourism, marine pollution, and cultural elements. Passed unanimously.

An Item 6 was added: Public Education, Outreach, and Stewardship, which should include cooperative stewardship on public and private lands, translating research into forms managers and the public can use, enhanced management of public lands, providing grants to organizations working toward reserve fund goals, distribution of information, and public education, including internships and scholarships. Passed unanimously.

Schwantes suggested including a category called Other in each section so the public can add ideas. McCammon agreed to do this.

LOCATION: should focus geographically and not include the Alaska-wide option. Passed with 1 no vote by Mary McBurney.

TERM: as is, passed unanimously.

GOVERNANCE: Item 2 should be plural (New Boards), the University should be

included, and existing boards should be considered. Passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION: Item 3 should be changed to New or Existing Entity including public/private authority, non-profit, private foundation. Passed unanimously.

PUBLIC ADVICE: add an item to Public Outreach to use existing groups, since there are many advisory groups in existence, e.g, local fish and game, etc. Passed unanimously.

Dennerlein suggested including estimates of costs for all options. McCammon agreed to do this. Dennerlein also said that he felt Senator Murkowski's actions regarding EVOS funding compromised the whole public process.

McCammon opened the discussion on archaeological restoration projects (distributed to the PAG). The Trustee Council plans to take action on this subject at their December meeting. Chugach Alaska withdrew their proposal for a regional repository, pending clarification of direction from the Trustee Council, although they are still moving forward with a cultural center in Seward together with Chenega Corporation. A draft resolution (distributed to the PAG) supports a single regional repository, 8 community displays, and construction of traveling exhibits. Short discussed his meeting with community representatives, Chugachmuit and Laura Johnson. Johnson said that communities endorse the local displays concept, but suggested more funds go there and reduced funding go to the regional repository, which could be an expansion of one of the local displays. This proposal is to go to the communities for their concurrence by the December meeting. McCammon noted that a key concern is who will support operations and how operating costs will be addressed. The PAG discussed this topic at length, in particular, the need for all parties to come together and use the best each has to offer to resolve this issue.

McBurney moved, second by Meacham, to request that the Trustee Council secure the services of a professional facilitator to help the profit and non-profit interests involved in cultural preservation/repository development to help develop an integrated plan for physical facilities and long-term operations. Passed with 1 no vote from Schwantes.

It was moved by Meacham, second by Totemoff, that the PAG supports the concept of the Trustee Council Resolution Regarding Additional Archaeological Repositories (Draft Revised 9/29/97), with the addition of the following to item #2, the first sentence: total not to exceed \$2.8 million. Also, the dollar amounts identified in items #2A, B, and C should be deleted. Passed unanimously.

McCammon asked if the PAG shared any of the concerns that were raised in Rick Steiner's letter (distributed to the PAG). Tyler noted that Steiner's opinions were his own, and not necessarily those of the University. No one expressed the same concerns. Brodie noted that she had concerns over NRDA reimbursements, but felt it was not worthwhile going back over them. Sheri Burette raised a question about the EVOS Chief Scientist sitting on the SeaLife Center Board. Molly said that the Trustee Council had discussed that issue. Several said that McCammon should respond to the letter, but felt the letter resulted in unproductive use of resources.

Torie Baker stated that she was frustrated with the discussion of the reserve. She wants the PAG to be more creative on uses for the reserve. She agrees that more public-input is desired. Beck agrees with her, and believes some scenarios for how the reserve could work would be useful. McBurney said she would participate in a small group on the reserve. Brodie thought that writing ideas down and distributing them would be useful. Buretta and Valley said it was a good session. Meacham requested the staff distribute an updated meeting schedule. Studebaker said she was eager to hear Trustee Council responses to ideas for the reserve. Schwantes feels that the public should be more involved and be able to look at all options. Totemoff said thanks for supporting the Chenega habitat project. Jim King thanked Dr. Tyler for attending, and feels the University can assist in managing research funds. Cobb agrees with Baker and the need to revisit the reserve question. Andrews agrees with Studebaker's concerns over recreational stewardship projects. He thanked Cherri Womac for her logistical efforts for the fall field trip.

The meeting adjourned November 5, at 11:05 a.m.

H. FOLLOW-UP: As noted above

I. NEXT MEETINGS: Not set

J. ATTACHMENTS: (Handouts, for those not present)

1. Community Interests in the Restoration Reserve-Uses and Structure
2. October 22 letter to Senator Stevens re. EVOS Funds
3. November 4 letter to Senator Stevens re. EVOS Funds

K. CERTIFICATION:

PAG Chairperson

Date

Sept 10-11, 1997
Kodiak

Field Trip Summary

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

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Cherri Womac	Trustee Council Staff
Bruce Wright	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

G. KODIAK OPEN HOUSE:

Linda Freed	KIB Community Development Director
Jerome Selby	KIB Mayor
Brian Himelbloom	University of Alaska-Kodiak
Jeff Richardson	Kodiak Daily Mirror
Judy Lucas	Chiniak
Susan Baker	Chiniak
Woody Koenig	Chiniak
Kathy Streveler	Gustavus
Linda Himelbloom	Kodiak
RaeJean Blaschka	Kodiak
Emeliana Valdez	Kodiak
Cassie Bravo	Kodiak
Tommy Johnson	Kodiak
Mary Forbes	Kodiak
Bob Pfutyccnreter	Kodiak
Ron Riemer	KIB
Dustin Dooley	Kodiak
Jonathan Schafner	FWS-Kodiak
Margaret Roberts	Kodiak
Roger Blacmett	Kodiak
Jim McCullough	ADFG-Kodiak
Steven Honnold	ADFG-Kodiak
Hans Tschersich	Kodiak
Herta Tschersch	Kodiak
Claire Holland	ADNR-Kodiak
Henry Hagemey	Kodiak
Lacey Berns	Kodiak
Elise DeCola	Kodiak
David Nesheim	Lesnoi Inc., Kodiak
Cliff Stone	Kodiak (representing Alan Austerman)

Issues Raised:

- Linda Freed outlined spill prevention and contingency planning efforts in the Borough
- Ron Riemer discussed the Kodiak Island marine waste management project
- Jerome Selby urged completion of the AJV, Koniag and Termination Point sales and the Long Island sale; he asked that Lesnoi lands at Chiniak be examined for possible sale, that the waste management project be followed up, and that the restoration reserve be a research fund for the spill area (with the Trustee Council to be replaced by some other entity)
- Education of local people is a key to preventing small spills and chronic pollution
- Possibility of contamination on Long Island
- Possibility of contamination at Chiniak
- Chiniak residents want the Trustees to purchase Lesnoi lands to stop timber harvest
- Margaret Roberts asked about funding for PSP testing, education of local people on

cultural values, and she asked that a separate committee be set up to run the reserve
 --What about the expenditure of EVOS money in New York?
 --They support Termination Point acquisition as a priority
 --Can EVOS fund a project for sea lions in the harbor?

H. LARSEN BAY OPEN HOUSE:

Doug Mutter, Chairman	Designated Federal Officer, Dept of Interior
Torie Baker	PAG, Commercial Fishing
Brenda Schwantes	PAG, Public-at-Large
James King	PAG, Public-at-Large
Lisa Thomas	U.S. Geological Survey
Terry Tavel	videographer
Kevin Hartwell	videographer
Martha Randolph	Anton Larsen Corp.
Marilyn Arneson	Larsen Bay
Virginia Squartsoff	Larsen Bay
Joan Squartsoff	Larsen Bay

Issues Raised:

--Shareholders of Koniag did not get to vote on the land sales to the Trustee Council
 --No EVOS money is being spent in Larsen Bay
 --They do not know what is going on with EVOS projects
 --They want to stop the next Koniag sale of lands in the area
 --They want to de-merge from Koniag

I. OLD HARBOR OPEN HOUSE:

Molly McCammon, Chairman	Trustee Council Executive Director
Chris Beck	PAG, Public-at-Large
Chuck Meacham	PAG, Science/Academic
Eleanor Huffines	PAG, Commercial Tourism
Joe Hunt	Trustee Council Staff
Hugh Short	Community Involvement Coordinator
Jody Seitz	Coastal Currents
Daniel Zatz	videographer
Roy Corral	photographer
Rick Berns	Old Harbor
Mary Haakanson	Old Harbor
Craig Mishler	ADF&G Anchorage
Sven Haakanson, Sr.	Old Harbor
Emily Bigioli	Old Harbor
George Inga, Sr.	Old Harbor
James A. Nestic	Old Harbor
Polly Inga	Old Harbor
Carl Christiansen, Sr.	Old Harbor

Carl Christiansen, Jr.	Old Harbor
Jeff Peterson	Old Harbor
Harold Christiansen, Sr.	Old Harbor
Tony Azuyak, Sr.	Old Harbor

Issues Raised:

- Problems with contamination of local waters - household hazardous wastes, waste oil, raw sewer, scrap metal. Kodiak Waste Management Plan project is a good way to deal with these issues. Can money be obtained for local training?
- What is status of EVOS small parcels?
- Harbor seals are increasing, there is lots of hunting, and they are now getting involved with Harbor Seal Commission
- Want Youth Area Watch like Prince William Sound's
- 20-25 local salmon seine permits in Old Harbor
- Want tourism to increase slowly, to plan for it, so they can keep the benefits locally. They want an infrastructure in place before tourists arrive.
- IFQs were a loss. Halibut charter boats - moratorium as of April 1997. There could be a loss there too. They are also concerned about draggers.
- Library at school is getting organized and upgraded. Information about Russian history.
- PSP in clams is increasing. Kodiak Island uses more clams per capita than anywhere else. Mainly use a beach at Sheep Island.
- Observations: lots of feed, small fish. Lots of new birds - "giant robins". Salmon are deeper and not jumping. Skin is colored but the meat is fresh.
- Community met with Terry Garcia of NMFS when he visited in August.
- Rockfish - Russian Old Believers from Afognak came down to fish these.
- Asked for a research project to check the ocean after a dragger goes through.

The group also toured museum housed by Russian Orthodox priest. Many old items - could probably be better protected if they were in climate controlled cabinet.

J. PORT LIONS OPEN HOUSE:

Bruce Wright, Chairman	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Howard Valley	PAG, Forest Products
Rupert Andrews	PAG, Chairman, Sport Hunting and Fishing
Pauline Allen	Chugach Regional Resources Commission
Ivan Lukin	Port Lions
Wayne Lukin	Port Lions
Brad Ares	Port Lions
Mark H. Barthson	Port Lions
Alvin Mullan	Port Lions
Students	Port Lions School

The community is relatively new. It was established after the earthquake. Several new homes are going in and the city government continues to sell lots at reasonable prices to help raise

funds. Crescent Lake is stocked by ADF&G with sockeye and coho salmon. The sockeye run was excellent and everyone who wanted to was able to fill their smokers and freezers. The coho run was not as good, but there were several fish below barrier falls in Crescent River. There is very little fishing pressure on the coho.

The berry year was good and the bears were not much of a problem unless you ventured out at night (not recommended). One community hall has been replaced and another is slated for replacement. Twenty-two Port Lions' residents attended the meeting, eight were high school students with their teacher. The handouts were very popular, especially the wildlife series and Restoration Update. The school and community had already received the seal video and they have watched it at least once. At the end of the meeting most people stayed to watch the video again. Most people had a comment.

Issues Raised:

- Wanted a fish bypass for Crescent Lake
- Fish bypass may change the use of the fishery
- Several people were very interested in the Restoration Reserve and wanted to be kept informed, to receive the newspaper on the Reserve, and to be placed on the TC mailing list
- Only one resident (village police officer) commented on land issues and was opposed to the lands being purchased by the TC to go to USFWS. "They already have locked up too much land."
- Several questions were asked about cleanup contingency plans, and especially training for the local residents
- Some think tourism may be important to their community in the future
- Several people thanked us for coming to the community, and wanted us to do so again to discuss the Reserve and to keep them updated

July 15-16, 1997

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G. SUMMARY:

The meeting was opened July 16 at 9:00 a.m. by Rupert Andrews. The summary of the May 28, 1997 meeting was approved.

Molly McCammon provided the Executive Director's report. The Chenega beach cleanup project appears to be going well and should be completed July 19. NOAA is at the site to monitor beaches. Eight beach segments are being treated with PES-51. Beaches will be posted for one year. Chuck Totemoff said that the village was pleased thus far.

The court has not changed the fee structure for managing EVOS funds, so the Department of Justice has approved examining other alternatives for managing funds at a better rate of return. A public meeting was held in Seward May 29; the Trustee Council toured the SeaLife Center and mariculture site. The Center should be open in May 1998, and research work will begin in December 1997.

Regarding habitat protection, the Chenega acquisition closed June 25; an offer was made to Eyak Corporation, and the board accepted it for a shareholder vote; the Afognak Joint Venture property is now the top priority; the Tatitlek deal requires a timber agreement with Mental Health Trust and is moving slowly; the Lesnoi parcel at Cape Chiniak did not pass the threshold criteria; several small parcel deals have been closed and several are pending.

Stan Senner reviewed a request to take 12 kittiwakes as part of a project to study the birds (handouts #1 and #2). McCammon reviewed the progress on archaeological repositories (handout #3). The information provided by the villages is not sufficient and, it is unclear what direction the Trustee Council will now take. Chugach Alaska is proceeding with their own regional facility at Seward. Totemoff said that Chenega supports the regional approach with funds being earned to support local activities. Nancy Yeaton and Sheri Buretta stated that communities want their own repositories because artifacts had cultural meaning for them. Howard Valley said that it is hard to finance the operation of local facilities, perhaps traveling displays from a regional repository would work. Chip Dennerlein thought that a regional repository, with smaller local capabilities to handle traveling displays and support for ongoing archaeological work was a good approach.

Bob Spies provided his and the peer reviewer group's views on the use of the restoration reserve (handout #4). Their focus is for a northern Gulf of Alaska ecosystem monitoring and research program. Buretta read her memo on the use of the reserve (handout #5). Veronica Christman reviewed an issue paper on the reserve (handout #6), which discusses the process for decisions and provides some basic information on fund management. Chris Beck said he

wants to see applied science and use of the results for resource management. Jim King reiterated his desire for a University of Alaska teaching and research program. Dennerlein distributed questions he has on the reserve (handout #7). McCammon suggested a full day on this topic at a fall meeting. She said the Trustee Council was going to make a decision in the fall of 1998, which gives them four years to prepare for the transition.

Senner walked through the project clusters and recommendations for funding as part of the 1998 annual workplan:

- Pink Salmon:
- Pacific Herring: Torie Baker wants to see the herring spawn deposition study continue
- SEA and Related Projects: this is the last year of phase 1 studies
- Sockeye Salmon:
- Other Fish:
- Marine Mammals:
- Nearshore Ecosystem: Stacy Studebaker wants to see more information on the handling of live otters and how their stress will be reduced before placing back into the wild
- Seabird Forage Fish:
- Archaeology:
- Subsistence: Dennerlein feels that community involvement and traditional knowledge are important as long as end products are kept in mind
- Habitat: Pam Brodie said the Mariner Park project should not be deferred since it was a "real" restoration project; Dennerlein said that the "human use/wildlife model" project should move forward since increased pressure on Prince William Sound is forthcoming, and it is crucial to protect the work done to restore injured resources
- Ecosystem Synthesis: Dennerlein stated that it was necessary to put EVOS information into the hands of resource managers to protect the gains made in restoration

It was moved by Chuck Meacham, second by Mary McBurney, to adopt the Executive Director's recommendations for 1998 projects. The motion was agreed to, with the following exceptions: Baker does not approve of removing the herring spawn deposition study, Studebaker wants more information on handling of live otters at the Alaska SeaLife Center, Dennerlein wants the human use/wildlife study kept in, and Brodie does not want the Mariner Park project deferred.

King made a motion, second by Meacham, to request the University of Alaska to prepare a plan for endowed teaching and research, using the restoration reserve. After discussion, the motion was not voted on, but the PAG asked McCammon to contact the University and request they identify a point of contact for discussions on planning for the reserve.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

H. FOLLOW-UP:

1. McCammon will contact the President of the University of Alaska to request he identify a point of contact for information about planning for the restoration reserve.

2. PAG members should think about uses for the restoration reserve fund.

I. NEXT MEETINGS:

- September 10-11 (field trip to Kodiak)
- November??

J. ATTACHMENTS: (Handouts, for those not present)

1. Letter from Roby regarding taking of kittiwakes
2. Letter from Spies regarding taking of kittiwakes
3. Letter from Chenega regarding archaeological repository
4. Memo from Spies on Science and the Restoration Reserve
5. Memo from Buretta on the Restoration Reserve
6. Issue Paper on the Restoration Reserve
7. Dennerlein questions on the Reserve
8. July 15 Public Meeting Notes
9. *Alaska Coastal Currents*
10. Letter from Tatitlek regarding project 98052
11. Additional public comments received
12. Project Management project (98250)
13. Letter from Pratt Museum regarding project 98278
14. Letter from Society of American Foresters regarding spruce bark beetles
15. Administration, Science Management and Public Information project (98100)

K. CERTIFICATION:

PAG Chairperson

Date

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Veronica Christman	Trustee Council Staff
Bill Hauser	AK Department of Fish and Game
Ken Holbrook	U.S. Forest Service
Molly McCammon	Trustee Council Executive Director

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Bob Spies
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G. SUMMARY:

The meeting was opened May 28 at 9:10 a.m. by Doug Mutter.

Molly McCammon provided the Executive Director's report. She distributed a quarterly status report (Handout #1) and a financial report (Handout #2). A project to produce a video on the restoration process is going through the contracting process. She reported on the status of habitat protection/acquisition activities, noting that most of the restoration funds were committed so not much was left for additional purchases of either small or large parcels, except for those already completed or in negotiations. All funds received by Native corporations from land sales have gone into trusts for the long-term benefit of shareholders. The Trustee Council is meeting the 29th in Seward to tour the SeaLife Center, which is ahead of schedule and under budget. Possible archaeology projects were reviewed by the PAG at its March session, and additional detailed information was requested from proposing communities--the desired detail has not yet been obtained, however. Discussions on the use of the Restoration Reserve are underway and will be a topic of PAG interest and on the agenda at the July meeting. Community meetings will be held on this subject. Efforts are being made to reduce fund management costs and increase fund income.

Eleanor Huffines asked about the chemical (PES-51) and its use for the Chenega beach cleanup project. McCammon reviewed the history of the project, and noted that the Trustees for Alaska have asked that the decision to use the chemical be reconsidered or an environmental impact statement be prepared. Kim Benton said that the local community wanted to move ahead with the project. Chris Beck moved (second by Chip Dennerlein), and it was passed unanimously, that the PAG support the project (Handout #3).

McCammon noted that certificates of appreciation were going to be sent to previous PAG members. She also discussed the fall field trip planned for the PAG to visit Kodiak.

During lunch, the PAG watched the video about the Native subsistence lifestyle: "Alutiiq Pride." After lunch the session was opened for public comment--no comments were received.

McCammon introduced Stan Senner and Bob Spies, who presented the proposed FY98 projects that have gone through a preliminary review (Handouts #4 and #5). PAG review (July 16 meeting) and public comment (including a July 15 public meeting) will take place this summer, with a recommendation from the Executive Director to be made in August, when the Trustee Council will make their decision.

Senner reviewed the background and recovery status of injured resources and services. Expenditures need to be tied to injury to be legitimate. Four major themes are followed: 1)

monitoring recovery, 2) ecological and productivity studies on factors limiting recovery, 3) development of management tools, and 4) modeling and synthesis efforts to develop predictive capability.

Spies provided an overview of each of the projects identified for continuation, closeout, start-up, or defer for more information. \$14 million is the target for FY98 spending on projects, about \$2.8 million is required for administration and other support functions (including the PAG), and about \$900,000 for habitat protection support. The FY99 project budget will probably be about \$12 million, as the restoration program winds down to an end or a maintenance level.

Dennerlein said it was important to integrate findings of science with management, as well as humanities and communities, into an overall structure. Stacy Studebaker asked about the use of tree-ring analysis as part of the ecosystem studies--they are not incorporated at this time. Rupert Andrews asked about use of the SeaLife Center in Seward--several projects will be done there. Dave Cobb said that project management should also be tightened up, since funding was diminishing. Brenda Schwantes wants to see more local projects funded. Beck supports integration and application of data for long-term management of the spill area resources and services--we need to understand and use the data generated by the restoration effort.

Rupert Andrews was elected Chairperson for the next year and Dave Cobb was elected Vice-Chair.

Spies noted that efforts to coordinate research needed to be made among the various institutions in Alaska. McCammon said that some of the strengths of the EVOS restoration program have been establishing a peer review process, providing a source of funds for research, and getting agencies to work together.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

H. FOLLOW-UP:

1. PAG members should become familiar with proposed projects for FY98.
2. PAG members should think about uses for the restoration reserve fund.

I. NEXT MEETINGS:

- July 15 (public hearings on workplan at 7 p.m.--PAG members are encouraged to attend)
- July 16 (will cover final FY98 workplan review, restoration reserve, and archaeology repositories)
- September 10-11 or 16-17 (field trip to Kodiak)
- November

J. ATTACHMENTS:

(Handouts, for those not present):

1. Quarterly Project Status Summary--March 31, 1997
2. Financial Report as of April 30, 1997
3. Resolution Passed in Support of the Chenega Beach Cleanup Project
4. Possible FY98 Project List
5. Preliminary Draft of Executive Director's Recommendations for FY98 Workplan
6. Newspaper clippings about EVOS

K. CERTIFICATION:

PAG Chairperson

Date

Mar 4-5, 1997

Information Session Summary

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

B. DATE/TIME: March 5-6, 1997

C. LOCATION: Anchorage, Alaska

D. MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Principal Interest</u>
Rupert Andrews	Sport Hunting and Fishing
Torie Baker	Commercial Fishing
Chris Beck	Public-at-Large
Pam Brodie	Environmental
Sheri Buretta	Public-at-Large
Chip Dennerlein	Conservation
Eleanor Huffines	Commercial Tourism
James King	Public-at-Large
Mary McBurney	Aquaculture
Brenda Schwantes	Public-at-Large
Stacy Studebaker	Recreation Users
Howard Valley	Forest Products
Nancy Yeaton	Subsistence

E. NOT REPRESENTED:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Principal Interest</u>
Dave Cobb	Local Government
Chuck Meacham	Science/Academic
Chuck Totemoff	Native Landowners
Vacant	Public-at-Large
Loren Leman (<i>ex officio</i>)	Alaska State Senate
Alan Austerman (<i>ex officio</i>)	Alaska State House

F. OTHER PARTICIPANTS:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Veronica Christman	Trustee Council Staff
Dave Gibbons	U.S. Forest Service
Bob Henrichs	Eyak, Public
Don Kompkoff	Chenega, Public
Gary Kompkoff	Tatitlek, Public
Pete Kompkoff	Chenega, Public

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G. SUMMARY:

The session was opened March 5 at 10:15 a.m. by Molly McCammon. New PAG members were provided an overview and orientation of the EVOS restoration process and the role of the PAG. The settlement agreements are in the PAG notebooks (Tab IV). She noted that there are different settlement "pots" of money; this program is funded by the civil settlement. The Trustee Council just received the fifth payment from Exxon. The Trustee Council, made up of three federal and three state Trustee representatives, must act unanimously on all issues. Federal and State laws apply to Trustee Council actions. The Restoration Office staff reports to the Trustee Council, but (for administrative purposes) are ADFG employees. McCammon reviewed the habitat protection projects and the restoration reserve.

Stan Senner presented information on the status of restoration and the scientific review process. He noted that it was difficult to identify impacts to resources and services when little baseline information was available. Sandra Schubert discussed the annual work plan process. The invitation for proposals for federal fiscal year 1998 has just gone out, with a due date of April 15. About one-third of the funded projects are carried out by non-trustee organizations.

Joe Hunt outlined the public outreach program (Handouts #3-10). Work has begun for the 1999 ten-year anniversary of the spill. Radio spots are being played and a proposal for a documentary film is in the works. Torie Baker suggested looking at ways to use the University Marine Advisory Program to get information about restoration to people. One aim is to get information to resource managers so they can take advantage of the knowledge gained from restoration projects.

McCammon discussed the PAG budget. The PAG is scheduled to have four meetings and a field trip each year. Cherri Womac reviewed PAG travel policies and procedures. Doug Mutter discussed his role as the Designated Federal Official pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

The PAG toured the Oil Spill Public Information Center, then adjourned for the day.

The session reconvened March 6 at 9:00 a.m. Rupert Andrews served as the Interim Chairperson.

McCammon provided the Executive Director's report. She reported on the last PAG meeting and the fall 1996 field trip. The work plan (PAG Notebook Tab VIII) includes \$16.2 million

in projects. The SeaLife Center is ahead of schedule and on budget (it is expected to open in October 1997). An environmental assessment is underway for the Chenega oiled beaches cleanup project. Planning has begun for the tenth anniversary of the spill. Joint sessions with the Prince William Sound Regional Citizen's Advisory Council will be held. Vice President Gore has been invited, as have the Trustees. About 1,500 attendees and substantial media coverage are anticipated. She reported on the large- and small-parcel habitat protection efforts (PAG Notebook Tab IX). The next large-scale priorities are Afognak Joint Venture and Eyak. Andrews asked if surface versus subsurface ownership rights have been purchased and/or resolved. McCammon said that they had not in all cases.

Craig Tillery outlined the history of the settlement. He noted that four settlements were made: the civil settlement with Exxon (which this program implements), the criminal settlement with Exxon, the settlements with Alyeska, and individual claims with the Trans Alaska Pipeline Liability Fund. Each supports different types of actions by either federal or state governments. A \$100 million re-opener clause for 2002, in the civil settlement, is available to pursue if injury not known at the time of the settlement is discovered and of additional restoration is required. It is too early to tell if this will be pursued. He discussed restrictions on the use of funds, resources versus services, reimbursements to governments, and types of restoration. The Restoration Reserve Fund will be a key issue for PAG discussion and recommendation during the coming two years. Issues include: how the fund will be used, what it will be used for, and who will control the fund. Tillery encouraged the PAG to suggest what they thought was the best way to go with the fund, and to not worry about potential legal issues, which would be covered by trustee lawyers.

McCammon and Veronica Christman discussed the status of planning for archaeological repositories for artifacts recovered in Prince William Sound and Lower Cook Inlet (Handout #11). The PAG discussed this at length. Artifacts are closely related to culture. The Trustee Council funded the Alutiiq museum in Kodiak to handle EVOS-related artifacts for the Kodiak area. Proposals under consideration include: a regional repository, repositories in each village, and roving displays. A major issue is how much is appropriate to spend for the 1,500 artifacts from 16 sites. Other issues include: where artifacts should be stored, where they should be displayed, keeping artifacts for a site together, keeping artifacts in the area for local access, the amount to spend, legal requirements since these are public artifacts, and who owns the artifacts, who will maintain new facilities. A number of public meetings have been held to discuss this. Generally local villages want a facility in each village under their control.

Pam Brodie asked about consolidating some individual village facilities into one regional. Mary McBurney asked about use of schools for repository/display facilities. Sheri Buretta noted the costs for repositories in eight villages were double that for the Kodiak museum, but were far less than that for the Seward SeaLife Center. Bud Rice suggested an exhibit-quality catalog as one way to distribute information about the artifacts. Nancy Yeaton said she supports repositories in each village. Brenda Schwantes said that a village consensus was needed if there was to be a consolidation. Several PAG members were concerned about the high costs for maintaining the few number of artifacts. Howard Valley suggested using a facilitator in a session with village and regional interests. Schwantes suggested using the Kodiak facility as a regional repository with displays in the villages.

The session was opened for public comment (see Handouts #12-14). Pete Kompkoff presented Chenega's support for archaeological repositories in each village. Theresa Obermeyer discussed her concerns. Bob Henrichs said Eyak supports local repositories and wants the restoration reserve held until damaged resources are restored. Gary Kompkoff said Tatitlek supports village repositories. Don Kompkoff, of Chenega, supports local repositories and does not want the restoration reserve to go to any specific group.

Schubert presented the plan to develop the FY 1998 annual work plan. The Restoration Plan (see PAG Notebook Tab VII) guides each year's work plan. Proposals for projects are due April 15. June 9 is when a draft plan is expected. Public comments are due July 15. A Trustee Council decision is expected around August 4. The PAG can participate in the work plan work session on May 28, will review the draft during June and can give their recommendations to the Trustee Council by August. The funding target for next year's projects is a total of \$14 million, including continuing and new projects.

Senner noted that about half of the \$10.8 million in anticipated continuing project funds go to the three ecosystem projects. He gave examples of projects from each of the project clusters of the work plan. He reviewed the scientific review and publication process for reporting project results (See PAG Notebook Tab III). He and McCammon responded to the *Scientific American* article in the PAG Notebook, Tab XI. An effort is underway to encourage principal investigators to publish results of their studies. Some 80 final study reports are now completed.

McCammon asked if the PAG knew of other examples or models that might be used to help define the restoration reserve. Brodie asked for dollar figures as an aid in examining alternatives. Baker remarked that the application of research efforts should be kept in mind. Jim King outlined his proposals for university endowed chairs.

Andrews said he supported getting information out about restoration efforts through the video film project. Schwantes likes the WEB site, and suggested putting actual reports on-line.

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

H. FOLLOW-UP:

1. PAG members are encouraged to provide Hunt with suggestions for newsletter issues.
2. Womac will send calendars of events and PAG members resumes to PAG members.
3. The PAG will elect a chair and vice-chair at the next meeting.
4. PAG members are asked to get suggestions to McCammon if they know of a world-renowned speaker on the status of the oceans for the tenth anniversary program.
5. Eleanor Huffines and Sheri Buretta volunteered to participate as PAG representatives in the work plan work session May 21.
6. McCammon will provide the PAG with estimated dollar figures for the restoration reserve under various scenarios of financing and use.
7. PAG members should think about the direction for the restoration reserve over the next year.

I. NEXT MEETINGS:

- May 28 (tentative)
- July 16 (tentative)
- September field trip
- November

J. ATTACHMENTS:

(Handouts, for those not present):

1. Meeting Summary for the August 7, 1996 Meeting
2. Past and Estimated Future Uses of Civil Settlement
3. Alaska Coastal Currents Log
4. Restoration Update: August 1996
5. Restoration Update: October 1996
6. Draft Restoration Notebook: Harbor Seal
7. Draft Kenai Peninsula Projects
8. The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council
9. Habitat Protection
10. Restoration Research, Monitoring & Management
11. Memorandum on Archaeological Resource Restoration Planning Project
12. Letter from the Chenega IRA Council
13. Letter from the Native Village of Eyak
14. Obermeyer Handout
15. Natural and Social Scales in Ecosystem Management, speech by Kai Lee

K. CERTIFICATION:

PAG Chairperson

Date