

Meeting Summary

A. GROUP Exxon Valdez Oil Spill (EVOS) Public Advisory Committee (PAC)

B DATE/TIME June 7, 2003

C LOCATION Cordova, Alaska

D MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

<u>Name</u>	<u>Principal Interest</u>
Torie Baker	Commercial Fishing
Gary Fandrei	Aquaculture/Mariculture
Brett Huber	Sport Hunting & Fishing
Pat Lavin	Conservation/Environmental
Chuck Meacham	Science/Technical
Brenda Norcross	Science/Technical and STAC
Ed Page	Marine Transportation
Martin Robards	Conservation/Environmental
Stacy Studebaker	Recreation Users
Kate Williams	Conservation/Environmental
Ed Zeine	Local Government

E NOT REPRESENTED

<u>Name</u>	<u>Principal Interest</u>
John Devens	Regional Monitoring
John Gerster	Public-at-Large
Charlie Hughey	Subsistence
RJ Kopchak	Public-at-Large
Pat Norman	Native Landowner
Gerald Sanger	Commercial Tourism
Stan Senner	Conservation/Environmental
Scott Smiley	Public-at-Large
Michael Vigil	Tribal Government

F OTHER PARTICIPANTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Ken Adams	Commercial Fisherman
Ed Backus	Ecotrust
Mimi Hogan	Chugachmuit
Molly McCammon	Trustee Council Executive Director
Ross Mullins	Commercial Fisherman
Phil Mundy	Trustee Council Staff
Doug Mutter	Designated Federal Officer, Dept of the Interior (DOI)

Bruce Painter
Drue Pearce
Cherri Womac

Alyeska SERVS
Trustee Council Member for DOI
Trustee Council Staff

G SUMMARY

The meeting was opened by Doug Mutter at 4 00 p m with a roll call

Ed Zeine made a motion (second by Torie Baker) that Brett Huber be elected as Chairperson for the PAC, and that Chuck Meacham be elected as Vice-Chairperson The motion passed unanimously

Huber asked each PAC member to introduce themselves

Gary Fandrei made a motion (second by Meacham) to change the number of PAC members required to constitute a quorum from 10 to 11 The motion passed unanimously

Molly McCammon gave a briefing on the background and status of the EVOS restoration program and the creation of the Gulf Ecosystem Monitoring (GEM) program (see Handout) She noted that the GEM Program document was available on the EVOS web site The GEM Science Plan is a working document This will be her last meeting, since she has resigned as Executive Director of the EVOS Trustee Council, effective July 2, 2003

Huber offered the appreciation of the PAC to Molly McCammon for her work as Executive Director He said

This is our last opportunity as a PAC to meet with you as our Executive Director for EVOS I think it is appropriate to say a couple of things We have talked among ourselves about how sometimes certain personalities, certain skill sets, just really fit to make a program click, make things work, to make things get accomplished, more so than it would with anyone else I think clearly your personality and skill set in this position has done exactly that Personally, it has been a pleasure to work with you over the last several years As you move on to new challenges, because of your professionalism and your personality, which you brought to this position, you can take a great deal of pride and satisfaction with you for the work you have accomplished and the good you have brought the impacted communities Thank you

The session was opened for public comment Ross Mullins discussed the need for baseline studies and the hope that GEM will provide this information for use into the future Ken Adams recommended that GEM be responsive to the needs of the stakeholders Commercial fishers, in particular, rely heavily on the natural resources and are a major economic driver in Alaska He also recommended continued joint research/development projects with other institutions and industry

Huber thanked Cherri Womac for handling the logistics of the field trip across Prince William

Sound and around Cordova. He asked for PAC member input on the agenda for the next meeting in August. He noted that the community involvement project is of particular interest for the PAC and should be discussed this summer. Individual PAC members are encouraged to comment, as well.

Zeine thanked the PAC and EVOS staff for coming to Cordova.

Meacham asked where the impetus came from for setting aside some of the restoration money to establish a long-term program. He noted Jim King, former PAC member as one who pushed for some type of long-term program. McCammon agreed and said the PAC was instrumental, and that others, such as Arlis Sturgulewski and (then) Senator Murkowski, were also strong advocates.

Brenda Norcross suggested checking the EVOS web site for a recent report of a workshop on shoreline mapping and data collection. The types of physical and biological data and information discussed would be useful for community uses.

Stacy Studebaker appreciated the field trip stop at Herring Bay and the discussion by Jeep Rice of oil remaining buried in the intertidal zone. She said it would be good to get new Trustee Council members out there to see the lingering oil.

Womac reviewed the remaining itinerary of the field trip (the field trip started in Whittier Friday, June 6, and ended with a return from Cordova on Sunday, June 8).

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

H FOLLOW-UP

1. Cheri Womac will survey PAC members to determine dates for the upcoming teleconference and meeting.
2. Womac will distribute to the PAC the results of public comment on the community involvement plan when available.

I NEXT MEETINGS

- A teleconference briefing July 22 or 23 about the draft Community Involvement project.
- A meeting in late August.

J ATTACHMENTS (Handouts, for those not present)

1. EVOS Trustee Council Briefing PowerPoint Slides
2. A Plan for Community Involvement and Community-Based Monitoring in the GEM Program (May 30, 2003, draft)

3 Planning for Community Involvement in GEM, EVOS Project 030375

K CERTIFICATION

PAC Chairperson

Date