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# PROCEEDINGS

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2 MR. AYERS: Good evening, this is Jim Ayers, Executive  
3 Director of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Counsel. I'm in  
4 Anchorage with Molly McCammon, our Director of Operations; Dr.  
5 Robert Spies, our Chief Scientist; Mark Broderson from the  
6 Department of Environmental Conservation; and Bob Loeffler, Rebecca  
7 and L.J., additional staff support for this evening's public  
8 meeting. I wanted to just briefly review that this discussion is  
9 about the 1994 Work Plan, and rather than have us take up a lot of  
10 your time, I'll just do a brief overview and then for those who  
11 have comments, we welcome comments. The Trustee Counsel has  
12 engaged in the development of a comprehensive balanced approach to  
13 restoration to restore the resource and services damaged by the  
14 1989 Exxon Valdez Oil Spill. We are currently in the process of  
15 completing an environmental impact statement required under the  
16 National Environmental Protection Act. We anticipate that the EIS  
17 will be completed sometime the end of October. The 1995 Work Plan  
18 is designed to be in concert with the Environmental Impact  
19 Statement and the Restoration Plan which have been out for public  
20 review and are in their final stages, as I've mentioned, under the  
21 environmental impact statement process. The 1995 work plan was  
22 built around a solicitation from the public regarding ideas and  
23 proposals for the restoration effort. There were one hundred and  
24 seventy-two projects submitted with a combined FY 95 cost in the  
25 neighborhood of some seventy million dollars. The proposals were



1 organized into categories: research, monitoring, general  
2 restoration, habitat protection and acquisition, and  
3 administration, science, management and public information. What  
4 we tried to do is -- is supplied the public with an overview of  
5 those projects and actually an initial categorizing of those  
6 projects so that the public would have a view of our initial  
7 thinking about those projects and divided them into categories one  
8 through six, and those are described in the '95 Work Plan Executive  
9 Summary. But, basically, category one would be priority projects;  
10 category two would be projects that appear to be permissible, but  
11 are of lower priority than ones; threes were found to be incomplete  
12 or lacking a clear relationship to restoration; category fours were  
13 legal or policy issues associated with the project proposal; and  
14 category fives were close-out projects from FY '94; and category  
15 six were projects that were proposed for carry forward. They  
16 weren't completed in the previous fiscal year and so they're  
17 proposed for carry over.

18 OPERATOR: Excuse me.

19 MR. AYERS: Yes.

20 OPERATOR: Valdez, Seward and Cordova have joined  
21 you.

22 MR. AYERS: Good, thank you, welcome. This is Jim  
23 Ayers in Anchorage and I was just providing an overview of our  
24 public meeting tonight with a focus -- which is focused on the  
25 fiscal year 1995 Work Plan, and the Trustee Council's effort to  
26 develop a work plan for '95 that is developed in a manner that is

1 consist with our comprehensive balanced approach to restoration,  
2 which includes our Restoration Plan that has also been out for  
3 public review. But, our focus tonight is specifically on 1995's  
4 Work Plan, which is divided into three primary parts: research,  
5 general restoration and habitat, and protection. Under research,  
6 we are trying to focus the proposal in '95 into -- into areas that  
7 would find out why some resources are not recovering or are  
8 recovering very slowly. Those categories are described under  
9 research in the draft Work Plan and those should be available at  
10 your site. Under monitoring, the monitoring of the recovery of  
11 injured resources and services has been an important part of the  
12 restoration process since '89, since the spill, and information  
13 about recovery is, obviously important in designing restoration  
14 activities. Monitoring means exactly that -- monitoring the  
15 resources to see what is occurring, what is happening with the  
16 population, as well as their habitat in some cases. Under general  
17 restoration, those are projects that are related specifically  
18 designed activities of what we might do to manipulate, so to speak,  
19 the environment to facilitate or help or enhance the recovery of  
20 the injured resources. Under habitat protection, and I'm going to  
21 take just a minute on this one, and then I'll stop, but under  
22 habitat protection, the general public through a variety of public  
23 hearings, scientists, and not only agency scientists, but our peer  
24 review and our Chief Scientist, have clearly recommended that we  
25 design a method and approach that includes protecting the critical  
26 habitat areas throughout the spill area. And that we do so in a

1 manner that would allow the injured resources to have specific  
2 areas that are protected in the long term and that provide for the  
3 long term recovery of those resources, and the various -- meeting  
4 their various biological needs including breeding, nesting,  
5 feeding, etc. Throughout the spill area, because we know that many  
6 of these species may not benefit if we restore and protect only one  
7 particular subregion of the spill area. Therefore, the Council has  
8 made it clear that the protection effort should be a comprehensive  
9 effort throughout the spill area, but with the understanding that  
10 that package should be designed so as not to preclude other  
11 opportunities that have been identified as necessary for  
12 restoration. And that translates in don't spend all the money on  
13 habitat acquisition, which is also something that we heard from the  
14 public and the scientists. And, that's why the Council has focused  
15 on a comprehensive balanced approach that includes all of the  
16 categories, all of the areas of restoration that I mentioned,  
17 including habitat acquisition, and, in fact, it's envisioned and  
18 identified in the preferred alternative recently adopted by the  
19 Trustee Council at its August 23rd meeting. So, with that said,  
20 let me just close with, we'd appreciate any of your comments. Our  
21 primary focus is on the 1995 Work Plan proposals, and that summary  
22 document should be available at each of your locations, but feel  
23 free to comment on any aspect, at this point, that you may feel  
24 like expressing tonight, and I welcome you all to this public  
25 meeting. And, why don't we identify by site if you have people  
26 that would like to testify, and I'll just walk through them now.



1 Juneau do you have people to testify? Cordova do you have anyone  
2 there who wishes to testify?

3 CORDOVA LIO: Yes, I have five so far.

4 MR. AYERS: Five. Okay. Seward do you have people in  
5 Seward that wish to testify?

6 SEWARD LIO: Yes, we have five people here to  
7 testify.

8 MR. AYERS: And Valdez, do you have people there who -  
9 - who wish to testify?

10 VALDEZ LIO: Yes, Valdez has one.

11 MR. AYERS: Okay, Soldotna, are you on line?  
12 Soldotna? (No response) Kodiak, are you on line?

13 KODIAK LIO: Yes, we have two, Jim.

14 MR. AYERS: Okay, good evening, Mr. Mayor.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening.

16 MR. AYERS: Is there anyone else on line other than  
17 those sites that I named? Okay, why don't we start at -- I was  
18 going to say most distant, and I assume that's Kodiak. Why don't  
19 we take testimony from Kodiak. I would ask that, before we start,  
20 that the general rules be no swearing, just kidding, go ahead. If  
21 people would state their name and spell it for the record, and --  
22 when you begin your comments, and let's say -- let's try for three  
23 minutes since there are some fifteen people to testify, let's go  
24 for three minutes and see how that works out, and if someone needs  
25 longer, then we'll come back at the end and I'll be glad to stay  
26 around if people need additional time. And, if that's

1     satisfactory, let's begin in Kodiak.

2                 MR. JEROME SELBY:     Okay, thanks, Jim, this is Jerome  
3     Selby, Mayor of Kodiak Island Borough. I just have a few comments.  
4     First of all, we've always supported and we like the way the  
5     Trustee Council is going as far as trying to spread the funding  
6     that's available to cover a number of areas. We are particularly  
7     interested in the habitat acquisition program, as you're aware, and  
8     would hope that one of the richest areas in the whole spill area  
9     which is that north of Afognak-Shuyak corridor would be a high  
10    priority for the -- for the acquisition -- as a primary activity  
11    during the FY '95 effort. In addition to that, we're very  
12    interested in seeing Project 95027 which is the Kodiak shoreline  
13    assessment project funded, its under category two right now and  
14    we'd like to see it popped up to category one, primarily because  
15    there's no survey work that's been done down here since 1990. So,  
16    we've kind of gone four years and are operating a little bit in a  
17    vacuum as far as what is happening on the shoreline. The other  
18    concern I have is the fact that the two pink salmon projects that  
19    we've identified, and that we've actually been kind of working on  
20    over the years are not on the list at all, and we still are very  
21    concerned about -- some strange things are happening with our pink  
22    salmon population down here that no one has really fully  
23    investigated. Meanwhile, we still need these restoration projects  
24    for the pink salmon back on line. We didn't have a real good year  
25    salmon fishing down here this year. We ended up, I think, about a  
26    little over seven million pink salmon is all that we were able to

1 harvest, which is pretty low compared to last year, which was  
2 thirty-four million. So, you can tell there's a big wow, including  
3 the two years, in terms of actual salmon harvest. We're still  
4 quite concerned about that. Final comment would be just that,  
5 please see that restoration reserve is in for another twelve  
6 (indiscernible). We've supported putting aside a portion of that  
7 money for the future. I think -- be able to taking up some of  
8 these studies and what-not, and would like to thank you for the  
9 opportunity to testify.

10 MR. AYERS: Thank you, Jerome. I didn't mention the  
11 reserve, but let me say that it is -- it is identified as a  
12 proposed project in the '95 Work Plan. The Council has certainly  
13 indicated recently by instructing us to incorporate that into the  
14 overall Restoration Plan and identified it in the EIS as a part of  
15 the preferred alternative. And, I believe that the Council is  
16 committed to the creation and annual commitments to the restoration  
17 reserve. I appreciate you bringing that up. I also appreciate  
18 your coming out this evening, and if there's someone else in  
19 Kodiak, why don't we go ahead and finish Kodiak, and then we'll go  
20 to Valdez. Was there someone else in Kodiak?

21 DR. JOHN FRENCH: Yeah, Jim, this is John French. I  
22 don't think I need to spell my -- anyway, I'll say two words now,  
23 you'll hear from me again later in a PAG meeting. But, I  
24 definitely wanted to voice my continued support for the restoration  
25 reserve. I think that's an excellent project and an excellent way  
26 of setting aside money to deal with the issues that we expect to be



1 coming up after 2001. I continue to be very concerned about the  
2 lack of research and restoration projects outside of the Prince  
3 William Sound, particular in the Kodiak Alaska Peninsula area. I  
4 think there are projects within the work plan, particularly in  
5 terms of forage fish and tidal studies that could have  
6 appropriately been extended to cover Kodiak areas and issues that  
7 we have with ongoing fisheries. As Jerome said, why -- not  
8 everything is completely rosy and not everything is completely  
9 predictable down here as everywhere else. So, I guess -- yeah, in  
10 that sense, once again like to express discouragement that we don't  
11 (indiscernible) more non-Prince William Sound projects drop out of  
12 the science process. I do recognize some of the reasons why that  
13 is so, but I do think that we need to look forward to trying to  
14 incorporate some of these issues into future work plans. That's  
15 all I have for now, Jim.

16 MR. AYERS: Thank you, John. And, let me say that I  
17 agree with the basic tenets of all of your comments. I look  
18 forward to your assistance in expanding some of the research in  
19 areas like forage fish, that certainly may be a part of the  
20 reflection or indicators of the overall health of the ecosystem,  
21 and think that -- as Molly McCammon as pointed out that we've  
22 initiated various projects that certainly have the capability to  
23 expand and the prudent approach appears to be exactly that, to get  
24 a project initiated and develop the methodology that we can find  
25 some confidence in and then begin to expand it, and I know that --  
26 I'm confident that you can help us do that in -- in, particularly

1 those areas that you mentioned. And, the reserve, as I mentioned  
2 earlier, is certainly one the Council is committed to and I -- I  
3 think that that's had fairly broad support from all quarters, and  
4 see no problem with that. Is there anyone else in Kodiak? If not,  
5 we'll move to Valdez.

6 DR. FRENCH: No, there's no one else here, Jim.

7 MR. AYERS: Thanks a lot, John, for coming out this  
8 evening. Let me remind you that Dr. Spies is with us this evening,  
9 and -- some point, Dr. Spies, if you'd like to make any comments,  
10 you're certainly welcome. And, we do -- we are here and will be  
11 here for the next hour or as long as people want to stay on line.  
12 So, let's go to Valdez and -- Valdez you're on.

13 TOM VANBROCKLIN: Yeah, Jim, good evening, Dr. Spies,  
14 this is Tom VanBrocklin calling from Valdez, and I'd like to talk  
15 briefly tonight addressing two projects, the first one I apologize,  
16 I don't have down by number. I didn't receive the matter via fax  
17 that I had -- thought I'd have today. But, I understand that on --  
18 in category four is a project that's put forth by the Prince  
19 William Sound Aquaculture Corporation, to have the hatchery work in  
20 helping to enhance wild stock salmon in Prince William Sound. And,  
21 although I've not seen more than just a brief description of it, I  
22 think that this is a natural project given the damage that was done  
23 to seven runs in the Prince William Sound, and I believe that the  
24 Aquaculture Corporation would be an ideal organization to be at the  
25 -- the front of such a project, so I'm hoping that the issue of  
26 policies can be address regarding this project, and that the

1 Trustee Council will look with favor on that project. Jim,  
2 secondly, I want to just take the -- brief opportunity to also  
3 mention, again my support, and certainly an endorsement, and hope  
4 that the project 95115 which is the solid waste management plan,  
5 which is in category one, move forward. We here in Prince William  
6 Sound know that -- know that as the expansion of the use of Prince  
7 William Sound continues, (indiscernible) degradation came to the  
8 Sound, into the Sound as a result of the spill. It needs to be  
9 exacerbated, and we hope that this project will help to put Prince  
10 William Sound on a level to both deal with what came out of the  
11 spill and be ready to -- with -- deal with the future ahead of us.  
12 And, so again I -- thank you for the kind night to address both of  
13 these projects, again, the one on behalf of Aquaculture  
14 Corporation, to enhance wild stock in Prince William Sound, and  
15 last the solid waste management plan. Thank you, both.

16 MR. AYERS: Yes, I'm sorry, I didn't catch your name.

17 MR. VANBROCKLIN: Oh, I'm sorry, Jim, this is Tom  
18 VanBrocklin.

19 MR. AYERS: Oh, hi Tom. Can you hang on just a  
20 second, I want to see if Dr. Spies -- did you have a question  
21 there?

22 DR. SPIES: I just wanted to comment Tom, that part of  
23 the ongoing process of evaluating the projects that have been  
24 submitted for the '95 Work Plan is to hold a series of meetings for  
25 review -- for the review of these things, who got a preliminary  
26 ranking here, as Jim said earlier. The next two days in Anchorage



1 here, we're going to meet and consider this wild stock enhancement  
2 as part of a larger review of what should be done for pink salmon  
3 in 1995. So, we'll continue to make efforts in an area.

4 MR. VANBROCKLIN: Dr. Spies, thank you very much. The  
5 wild stock enhancement is certainly something that fishermen in the  
6 Prince William Sound have felt -- have -- been needed for a long  
7 time, since before the spill, and certainly since the spill. And,  
8 I certainly appreciate the effort -- attention -- you and Jim and  
9 other members have given that project. Once again, thank you.

10 MR. AYERS: Tom....

11 MR. VANBROCKLIN: Yeah, Jim.

12 MR. AYERS: Yeah, let me -- let me clarify one issue,  
13 just for the sake of -- not being a wet blanket, yet, but I want to  
14 be crystal clear that in some cases the issue of enhancement has  
15 raised legal policy and scientific questions, and I think that Dr.  
16 Spies's comments are extremely important, and that is we're taking  
17 a hard look at that from all aspects. We certainly want to do  
18 everything we can to help the fishermen, that certainly endured at  
19 least the impact of any other group with regard to the oil spill.  
20 We'll also want to be sure that if we begin to involve ourselves in  
21 the biology and the actual biological mechanism of this ecosystem,  
22 that we do so in a prudent manner. And, that caveat is to say that  
23 it is important that we look beyond simply the economics of the  
24 opportunity and look at the important scientific repercussions that  
25 may result from our actions. And, I think that, I need -- I felt  
26 like I needed to say that, just to let you know that we are looking

1 hard at it, but we're looking hard at it from all aspects. About,  
2 if we're going to do, how to do it, and we have not yet figured  
3 that out. So, I just didn't want you to go away thinking that this  
4 was something that was set -- you know, it was a great idea, we all  
5 agreed it was a great idea, and we felt like it was time to move  
6 forward. There's a lot of questions involved in it, as you know,  
7 and I didn't -- I felt like I needed to be -- open that one up a  
8 little bit.

9 MR. VANBROCKLIN: I read you loud and clear, and thank  
10 you for that, Jim. I also just wanted to briefly say, I'm glad to  
11 see you folks moving forward on a restoration reserve. I hadn't --  
12 I've been out of the loop and just heard about that tonight. I  
13 assume, perhaps, that that's some sort of endowment, and I applaud  
14 your efforts to have funds available -- again, following the ten-  
15 year cycle.

16 MR. AYERS: Good. Thanks, Tom. And, thanks -- you  
17 know, for getting involved in some of these. I know you're a busy  
18 guy and you've got a lot of things in your plate, but I appreciate  
19 you taking the time, the dedication you have to your community. Is  
20 there anybody else in Valdez, Tom?

21 MR. VANBROCKLIN: No, I'm it.

22 MR. AYERS: Okay, let's move to Seward. We'll take a  
23 couple from Seward and then we'll go to Cordova and then come back  
24 to Seward to finish them. So, are you on line there in Seward.

25 MS. ESTER RONNE: Yes, we are. Okay, my name is Ester  
26 Ronne. I serve on the Qutekcak board in Seward, also on the

1 Qutekcak board of directors. In that capacity, I've had an  
2 opportunity to travel to the villages over the past ten or fifteen  
3 years, and have heard the Natives talk about how clams are a very  
4 important source of food in the past, and how much they miss having  
5 them now. I believe we've (indiscernible) subsistence resource  
6 will be a very appropriate use of restoration money. I support the  
7 clam restoration project. Thank you.

8 MR. AYERS: I'm sorry Ester, would you pronounce and  
9 spell your last name, please.

10 MS. RONNE: R-O-N-N-E.

11 MR. AYERS: Thank you very much.

12 MR. ARNIE HATCH: Good evening, my name is Arnie Hatch,  
13 representing Qutekcak tribe also, and I'd like to speak in favor of  
14 project 95131, also, the clam restoration project. I'm a  
15 commercial fisherman, and have fished these geographical areas for  
16 quite awhile, and I'm familiar with the need for clam restoration  
17 in the area, and I think this project would be worthwhile use of  
18 EVOS funds. And, be happy to answer any questions you might have.

19 MR. AYERS: I don't think we have any questions. The  
20 project is 95131, the clam restoration project, that's the project  
21 that you're referring to?

22 MR. HATCH: Yes, it is.

23 MR. AYERS: We -- in our discussions, ranked it as a  
24 category one, as a reasonable approach, particularly on a pilot  
25 project basis. Frankly, we had some concerns. We intend to work  
26 on that and get some additional information with regard to the --



1 both the initial cost which was some -- somewhere over four hundred  
2 thousand dollars, and whether or not there wasn't a pilot project  
3 that might be more prudent to get started, develop a methodology,  
4 and then also making it clear that, you know, the long-term  
5 projected cost to that needs some review. But, I did want you to  
6 know that -- you know, we agree it's a -- it looks like a good  
7 project and what we'd like to do is -- in a way to design it as a  
8 pilot project and develop the methodology. I think that's kind of  
9 where we were on that, isn't it, Dr. Spies.

10 DR. SPIES: Yes, that's true. Make it work on a small  
11 scale first and then go ahead and expand it after it's successful  
12 there.

13 MR. AYERS: Okay, thank you. Let's go over to  
14 Cordova, and we'll do a couple over there and then we'll come back  
15 to Seward. Cordova?

16 MR. JIM GRAY: Okay, Jim, this is Jim Gray, I'm a  
17 fisherman from Prince William Sound. I'd like to voice my support  
18 for proposal 95093 and for proposal 95024. These address the  
19 restoration of pink salmon wild stock in Prince William Sound by  
20 PWSAC and the Native Village of Eyak Tribal Council. I believe  
21 that it proves to be within the spirit of EVOS restoration plan  
22 draft classification that proposal 95093 to category four does not  
23 seem appropriate to me. This proposal is not hatchery funding. It  
24 should not raise any legal problems. All (indiscernible) funds,  
25 it's up to you (indiscernible). When you've talked about the  
26 question haven't been answered, we're not going to answer any

1 questions unless we do a study to figure out whether we can do wild  
2 stock restoration. And, my understanding of this proposal at this  
3 time is that what we're going to do is see what kind of nuts and  
4 bolts things can be done and what we can do, and so if we don't  
5 look at this question, I have a lot of problem figuring out how  
6 we're going to come up with an answer on it. I'd also like to  
7 remain on the record in support of the SEA plan and continued  
8 funding of this plan. I think they've done a great job, and I  
9 think a lot of people are realizing that they're making big  
10 progress. And, finally, I'd like to encourage the Trustee Council  
11 to continue efforts to come to an agreement with Eyak Corporation  
12 in regards to habitat acquisition on Eyak lands.

13 MR. AYERS: Thank you, Jim. I -- I'm sure you heard  
14 my comments to Tom, and that's why you were being emphatic about we  
15 do need to take a look at it. I -- I agree, we need to bring some  
16 closure to the legal questions, the policy questions, and the  
17 science questions with regard to enhancement, and we are working  
18 hard on doing exactly that, and these projects have certainly  
19 raised the issue, and we're going to work our way through it, and  
20 we will get to a response on each one of those -- both -- and each  
21 -- both those projects are related to wild stock enhancement, and  
22 there are three aspects to both of those, and we are talking with  
23 the scientists about the aspect and the impacts of wild stock  
24 enhancement, and I'd be glad to -- once we've been through our  
25 review, be glad to get to our summary, get our scientists together  
26 and talk with you and come over and talk with the Cordova fishermen

1 association about that.

2 MR. GRAY: Well, thank you. I think also this plan  
3 has the support of the University of Alaska in Fairbanks, and it  
4 also has broad-base support in the Alaska Department of Fish &  
5 Game, the essence of this program, so I just want to go on the  
6 record here that -- you know, we're not just talking about hatchery  
7 funding here, we're talking about enhancement of the wild stock and  
8 restoration of wild stock in Prince William Sound which is part of  
9 the draft Restoration Plan, and we have to look at the ways to do  
10 it, so I just don't want to bury this thing down with -- with all  
11 the baggage here, that this is not a hatchery funding issue.

12 MR. AYERS: Well, I agree with you, Jim, and that's  
13 exactly right. It's not just an old hatchery issue, and it also is  
14 not a -- and I think Fish & Game knows this, and I know they're  
15 telling you they support this project. But, it also is not a just  
16 black and white issue of simply fry introduction into the streams.  
17 There -- or even eggs -- fry eggs. It is an issue of genetic  
18 impacts, competition, a number of other significant issues that are  
19 related to the science -- the reaction of the ecosystem and the  
20 impact that this kind of a project would have in the environment,  
21 and I think, you know, you as a fisherman, I know, want to know  
22 that we're going to conduct this kind of activity in a prudent  
23 manner. And, that's what we're taking a look at, from a science  
24 point of view. And again, I'll be happy to -- to put together a  
25 discussion with CDFU and fishermen once we have walked through this  
26 with our peer reviewers and some scientists take a look at this.



1 From the legal standpoint, let me tell you, and I think I said this  
2 when I over in Cordova, and I did meet with CDFU and the PWSAC  
3 group, the Department of Justice, and there are a couple of issues  
4 in the court now with regard to enhancement, the Department of  
5 Justice has taken the position that there has to be an  
6 environmental finding, and I'll use the word "finding" because I'm  
7 not sure that in this particular case would require an  
8 Environmental Impact Statement, but it is subject to NEPA. And so  
9 I -- it would be easy for me to sit here and shut up, probably, but  
10 there are some of those issues, and I want you to know there are  
11 those issues, and this is -- and we're going to work with you so  
12 that you understand each step of way what those issues are, and  
13 what people are saying about them, and we intend to come back over  
14 there once we get to the bottom of this, and we can sit down and  
15 talk to you about it, whatever we decide on these projects.

16 MR. GRAY: We're with you, Jim.

17 MR. AYERS: Okay, thank you.

18 MR. GRAY: Everybody (indiscernible) one hundred  
19 percent, we want it administrative done. We would just want to  
20 leave the door open to looking at the possibility and see what's  
21 available. We -- I agree with you one hundred percent, and I think  
22 that most of the people here agree with you. We want to make sure  
23 that we're not doing more damage than good though. So, if we need  
24 to look at the proposal. So, thanks a lot.

25 MR. AYERS: Okay, thank you, Jim. Is there somebody  
26 else in Cordova there?

1 MS. MONICA RIEDEL: Yes, Jim, this is Monica Riedel. R-  
2 I-E-D-E-L., and I am at Cordova. And, I'd like to comment on two  
3 of the proposals, 95024, enhancement of wild pink salmon stock,  
4 we're on the same subject, and number -- oh, that one was submitted  
5 by the Native Village of Eyak, and number 95093, the restoration of  
6 Prince William Sound natural stock salmon, submitted by Prince  
7 William Aquaculture in cooperation with the University of Alaska.  
8 I've been listening to all of your comments, and I believe that --  
9 well, everyone's going to meeting in the next couple of days, and  
10 I really like Dr. Spies, and everyone will be there, and really  
11 hope to see something, you know, come out of it. But, mainly, the  
12 wild salmon stock is listed as injured, it's listed as commercial  
13 fishing and recreational resource. The Native people have been  
14 heavily impacted by the damage of these resources. Certainly there  
15 are not (indiscernible) but I believe by rehabilitating and  
16 restoring the wild stock salmon in Prince William Sound, and  
17 involving those people who are mostly adversely affected, will  
18 create hope for the future. The Native Village of Eyak has the  
19 local area knowledge and can carry the logistical report with  
20 vessels and crews required to accomplish the field work. PWSAC has  
21 the facilities and the technical support required to meet the needs  
22 of those proposals, and UAF has the technical support for genetic  
23 research which would be done during the restoration activities. To  
24 points, I'd like to cover number one is that this will not purely  
25 a study and it will -- will be a -- the production proposal where  
26 we can get out there with hands on, do the work, and number two, it

1 will involve the local people who are directly hurt by the damage  
2 and allow us to be able to restore the resource and being involved  
3 in the healing process. Cordova has done the work needed to put  
4 together the ecosystem plan, SEA plan, and now we need to be able  
5 to do the work. Thank you.

6 MR. AYERS: Thanks a lot, Monica. Let's go back over  
7 to Seward, and I believe there are three people left in Seward. Is  
8 that correct?

9 CARMEN YOUNG: Yes. Hi, my name is Carmen Young, and I  
10 work for the Qutekcak shellfish hatchery. I'm calling in favor of  
11 the 95131 clam restoration project. You were speaking earlier that  
12 developing a pilot project for producing the clam feedstock. We  
13 have developed the technology to produce littleneck clam feed in  
14 the hatchery. We now have approximately one hundred thousand clam  
15 feeds, up to five minutes old. I'm excited about this project and  
16 I feel confident that the hatchery can do its part to help restore  
17 the clam beaches.

18 MR. AYERS: Thank you.

19 MR. KEN BLATCHFORD: My name is Kenneth Blatchford, that's  
20 B-L-A-T-C-H-F-O-R-D. I'm chairman of Qutekcak Tribe, also former  
21 National Board Director of Native American Fish & Wildlife Society,  
22 and I'm on the local Fish & Game Advisory Board. I'm testifying  
23 today in favor of project 95131, the clam restoration project, and  
24 I too have had the opportunity to travel around to the villages in  
25 our region, more specifically in Prince William Sound areas, and I  
26 have -- I've seen the need for the restoration project for the



1 clams. So, again, I'd like to say I'm speaking in favor of project  
2 95131. Thank you.

3 MR. AYERS: Thank you. Is there someone else in  
4 Seward.

5 MR. JEFF PETRICK (ph): Yes, my name is Jeff Petrick.  
6 I'm -- I came down from Moose Pass this evening, and I'm also  
7 speaking in favor of 95131, the clam restoration project. I've  
8 lived in Prince William Sound for over eight years and currently  
9 own an oyster farm out there called Alaska AquaFarm, and the  
10 shellfish caught brings the clams -- butter and littleneck clams  
11 have been depressed for sometime now, and I believe the restoration  
12 fund is an ideal way to help restore the population. And, I'd also  
13 like to speak in support of project 95124A and 95134, and that's  
14 the mariculture project at Tatitlek and Chenega Bay.

15 MR. AYERS: Thank you.

16 MS. YOUNG: That's all the people to testify, right  
17 now.

18 MR. AYERS: Okay, I believe there are three people  
19 left to testify over in Cordova. Can we go back to Cordova,  
20 please.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: There's actually one more that  
22 came in.

23 MR. AYERS: Okay, why don't you go ahead.

24 MR. JAMES MYKKELIN (ph): Oh yes, Exxon Valdez Oil Spill  
25 Trustee Council, thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak  
26 tonight. My name is James Mykkelin and I reside in Cordova. I

1 have been a commercial fishermen in Prince William Sound for the  
2 last twenty years. I have been a supporter of the Prince William  
3 Sound Aquaculture Corporation, PWSAC, since it's conception in the  
4 early '70s. Without PWSAC we would not have had any increased  
5 salmon runs that have supported the fishing communities during the  
6 last seventeen years here in Prince William Sound. EVOS Trustee  
7 Council lists pink salmon as a non-recovering resource. Pink  
8 salmon returns have sustained the livelihood of many of the  
9 fishermen that resided in communities around Prince William Sound.  
10 Pink salmon make up over ninety percent of the total catch of the  
11 entire Prince William Sound purse seine fleet. I urge you to  
12 consider funding proposals, number 95093 and number 95024, which is  
13 PWSAC and the Native Village of the Eyak Tribal Counsel have  
14 offered. We need to restore the natural salmon stock in Prince  
15 William Sound through research and restoration activities. We have  
16 been waiting a long time for proposals such as these. Please  
17 consider these proposals when you decide on funding for the '95  
18 Work Plan. I'm also on the Board of Directors for the Cordova  
19 District Fishermen United, a three hundred member regional  
20 fishermen's organization that's based in Cordova. The board today  
21 adopted a resolution supporting Prince William Sound Aquaculture  
22 Corporation and the Native Village of Eyak Tribal Council and the  
23 University of Alaska Fairbanks, School of Fisheries and Ocean  
24 Sciences, in the collaterative proposals to the Trustee Council to  
25 restore natural salmon stock to Prince William Sound. We believe  
26 the time is right for us to restore and monitor damaged natural

1 salmon stocks in Prince William Sound. I urge you to act on this  
2 in the '95 Work Plan. I would also urge you to continue funding of  
3 the SEA plan, which is the old number 95320. You started this  
4 funding in the '94 Work Plan, and I would like to see it continue.  
5 I have attended a number of public meetings that have been held in  
6 Cordova to explain the progress of the SEA plan. I have been very  
7 impressed with for the results so far, and what they have planned  
8 for the future. Once again, please continue funding of the SEA  
9 plan. Thank you for listening to me tonight, and good luck in your  
10 deliberations. Thank you.

11 MR. AYERS: Thank you, James. James, could I ask you  
12 a question, are you there?

13 MR. MYKKELIN: Sure you can, is this Jim Ayers?

14 MR. AYERS: Yes, sir.

15 MR. MYKKELIN: Hi, Jim, how you doing?

16 MR. AYERS: All right, how about you? Do you know --  
17 you're the second speaker tonight and has mentioned the  
18 University's participation in this 95093. Do you know who from the  
19 University is involved in the collaboration effort here?

20 MR. MYKKELIN: I think it's a Mr. -- I think it's Nels  
21 Smoker (ph). I think Nels Smoker is also on a PWSAC board, and I'm  
22 also a board member of the PWSAC, Aquaculture Corporation. I got  
23 elected on that position in (indiscernible), but I met him -- Mr.  
24 Smoker, at the June meeting, and he wasn't at our fall meeting that  
25 we just had, but I believe that he is involved in UAF, in this  
26 proposal, okay?



1 MR. AYERS: Okay.

2 MR. MYKKELIN: That's S-M-O-K-E-R.

3 MR. AYERS: Okay, thanks a lot.

4 MR. MYKKELIN: And, also an A.J. Gharrett, G-H-A-R-R-E-T-

5 T, and Patricia Crandell and Andrew Craig.

6 MR. AYERS: All righty, thank you.

7 MR. MYKKELIN: Thank you, Jim.

8 MR. AYERS: See you later.

9 MR. MYKKELIN: You're doing a good job.

10 MR. AYERS: Thank you, so are you. Was there someone

11 else there in Cordova.

12 MS. TORIE BAKER: Yeah, there's a couple more of us.

13 This is Torie Baker, I'd like to say it's (indiscernible). I just

14 wanted to take a second, as well, to echo, I think the rest of us

15 (indiscernible) here in Cordova. (Indiscernible) the Eyak

16 Corporation proposal, as well as the obvious support that has been

17 given and continued progress that's been made on the SEA plan. As

18 well, I'd like to voice my own personal support for the

19 continuation of the Eyak negotiations, and hopefully the successful

20 conclusion to all parties. I know that on the issue that the

21 question of public access is one that pervading all the different

22 portion of that negotiation, from what we understand here in

23 Cordova, and we find that the -- an issue is that negotiation that

24 is the broad-base interest here, but again in general we would like

25 very much encourage all the Trustees on the state and federal side

26 to really sit down and bear through with this negotiation. I

1 realize that it is difficult, but we applaud the efforts you've  
2 made thus far, and we just encourage you all to hang in there and -  
3 - on that one. I'd also like to take a second and look at a couple  
4 of other proposed projects in the FY '95 Work Plan, particularly  
5 the forage fish project and also voice my support of the  
6 continuation of and completion of many of the hydrocarbon analyses  
7 that are being done, particularly by NOAA. I think that that's one  
8 of the baseline researches that would ultimately with -- you know,  
9 an ongoing basis that has the most impressive results, the most  
10 valuable results. What it really comes back, this kind of budget  
11 for research that has to do with oil spill and direct oil effects.  
12 Again, I'd like to voice my support and -- and I guess offer my --  
13 my thanks to all the work that you've all done. I was impressed  
14 with the amount of books that were being forwarded to my post  
15 office box this summer that had the EVOS Trustee Council logo on  
16 them. Well, I guess we kept the home fires burning this summer.  
17 And, again, thanks for all the good work, and please  
18 (indiscernible). Thanks.

19 MR. AYERS: Thank you Torie.

20 MS. PAM THOMAS: Hi, this is Pam Thomas. I'm a  
21 commercial fishermen here in Prince William Sound and I would like  
22 to speak in support of three of your proposals tonight, pretty much  
23 echoing what you've heard here from Prince William Sound -- and  
24 from Cordova. First of all, I'd like to speak in support of  
25 proposal 95093 and 95034 which is the joint proposal for Eyak  
26 Tribal Council and PWSAC to restore the natural salmon stock in

1 Prince William Sound. This is a proposal that I think is very  
2 important for what's going on and it's about time it should happen.  
3 PWSAC has all the infrastructure to make this happen, and I would  
4 like to see, first of all, it -- reclassified to category one. It  
5 is not a hatchery proposal, its just -- you'd fund the hatchery to  
6 rehabilitate the wild stock in Prince William Sound, and I think  
7 that's what's important. Also, I'd like to see the continued  
8 funding for proposal 95320, the SEA plan. This summer they  
9 collected a lot of excellent data and they're just getting started  
10 on this project, and we can't let it stop now. We -- it's got to  
11 be continued. And, I'd also like to speak in support of the  
12 continued negotiations with the Eyak Corporation. I think the most  
13 important point at this -- the most important part at this point,  
14 is just getting -- make a sure a deal gets done. So, thank you.  
15 Guess that's everybody for right now.

16 MR. AYERS: Okay, thank you very much.

17 SEWARD LIO: Mr. Chairman, this is Seward and we  
18 have one more person that came in to testify.

19 MR. AYERS: Please go ahead Seward.

20 UNKNOWN: Thank you.

21 KEVIN LAWFORD: It's -- my name is Kevin Lawford and I  
22 live in Seward. I'm president of the mariculture development team,  
23 which has been active in Seward for about the last nine months,  
24 trying to promote the shell fish hatchery that we hope to get sited  
25 here. We recognize the need for it. The clam project, we would  
26 like to see here in Seward. We have the -- I am at the center



1 that's very interested in supporting the research for the facility.  
2 There's also several private businessmen that are members of the  
3 development team who are interested in seeing this research  
4 continue in the area. I'd like to ... (End of tape.)

5 MR. AYERS: Is there anyone else on line who wish to  
6 speak this evening that has not had an opportunity? Does anyone  
7 have any other comments that they'd like to make this evening.

8 MR. JEROME SELBY: Yes, this is Jerome Selby in Kodiak  
9 again.

10 MR. AYERS: Go ahead, Jerome.

11 MR. SELBY: The number on that one pink salmon project  
12 that we're particularly interested in was 95139D, Jim, that's Horse  
13 Marine and Pink Creek restoration project and it's for \$61,500. I  
14 just wanted to get the number and title on the record for you.

15 MR. AYERS: Yeah, I'm just looking at it, the abstract  
16 on it, Jerome. (Pause) I think one of the things that we'd talked  
17 about, and, Dr. Spies if you want to add to this, jump in, but I  
18 think what we were looking for from Fish & Game was some additional  
19 information about did -- what their probability of success in  
20 particular streams and the cross-benefit on it, and there was some  
21 question about the technical merit, at least in the way they  
22 presented it. So, we were trying to get them to pare it out a  
23 little better. What the probability of success and some of the  
24 cost benefit that they anticipated -- what the cost benefit was and  
25 what was the probability of success that they anticipated.

26 MR. SELBY: You just didn't get it, Jim.

1                   MR. AYERS:       Say what?

2                   MR. SELBY:       You just didn't get it?

3                   MR. AYERS:       Well, we're kind of -- we're waiting to  
4 hear from them. We want to hear more from them about this project.

5                   MR. SELBY:       We have ways of encouraging them and we'll  
6 do something.

7                   MR. AYERS:       Okay, thanks, Jerome. Was there anybody  
8 else on line who -- well's stay on line here for couple of minutes,  
9 and see if anyone else shows up.

10                  DR. SPIES:       Jim, there's one -- this is Bob Spies,  
11 there's one more thing I wanted to say that this winter we had  
12 preliminary plans to review some of these small-scale specific  
13 restoration programs for salmon at various parts and kind of look  
14 at the policy issues and what works, what doesn't work, what has  
15 worked in other areas, and try to develop some clear policy rather  
16 than just drafting these single projects as they come. So, I hope  
17 that will help us to guide us and the '96 Work Plan will be better,  
18 and that these projects for specific area salmon rehabilitation.

19                  MR. AYERS:       I don't recall what specie of salmon in  
20 Horse Marine Creek, do you Jerome? Are they all pink?

21                  MR. SELBY:       Pardon, Jim, I didn't catch the last part  
22 of that question.

23                  MR. AYERS:       What -- we're talking about spawning  
24 habitat for which species of salmon, do you recall?

25                  MR. SELBY:       It would be for pink salmon, Jim.

26                  MR. AYERS:       It's all pinks.

1           MR. SELBY:       Yeah, that's the ones that seem to have  
2 taken -- yeah, we have two problems down here. We have the over  
3 escapement problem which mainly seems to be the red salmon into the  
4 lakes, and we've got something going on with the pink salmon in  
5 these even number years that no one quite understands, Jim, and  
6 that's the concern with these two pink salmon projects. You funded  
7 the one last year...

8           MR. AYERS:       Right.

9           MR. SELBY:       ... and, you know, we need to try to get  
10 these pink salmon counts back up on these even number years where,  
11 you know, nobody really figures out what -- what happened to it.

12          MR. AYERS:       I think that's a kind of discussion that  
13 we need to get into with Fish & Game and explore that a little bit  
14 with them and how they came to this conclusion this approach on  
15 those -- that particular class.

16          MR. SELBY:       Well, we'll have them get that information  
17 to you that you asked for, Jim.

18          MR. AYERS:       I'm sure you've got your ways, your honor.

19          MR. SELBY:       While I have you on line, what's the -- is  
20 there a firm date for the next Trustee Council meeting?

21          MR. AYERS:       October 5th there will be a briefing  
22 session with the Trustee Council. It's an overview of various  
23 issues, but it's primarily a briefing session. The portion having  
24 to do with habitat acquisition, there will be -- will be primarily  
25 an executive session, where we're going over strategies and  
26 discussions of the various issues involved in each of the



1     respective negotiations.     Then the next action-oriented meeting  
2     will be November 2nd and 3rd in Anchorage.

3             MR. SELBY:         Thanks, Jim.

4             MR. AYERS:         You bet you. Unless there's someone else  
5     that's come in, I think I'll close the meeting. Is there any site  
6     who wishes to have additional time?

7             UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:         Yes, Cordova has one more  
8     question.

9             MR AYERS:         Please do.

10            MR. GRAY:         This is Jim Gray, and we wondering when we  
11     might get some determination on this legal issue that things have  
12     been hanging around here for a couple of years? Do you have any  
13     idea what the time frame is on -- when we might get some kind of  
14     decision about that?

15            MR. AYERS:         Legal issue on -- on the issue of  
16     enhancement?

17            MR. GRAY:         Roger.

18            MR AYERS:         Yeah. One of the things that was posed at  
19     one point was whether or not any particular hatchery or entity  
20     wanted to submit a request for an EIS, and we -- no one pursued  
21     that particular tack, which was what Justice suggested based on the  
22     issues that are currently in the court surrounding the Main Bay  
23     Hatchery might be necessary. So, what I anticipate happening with  
24     this project with regard to the legal issues, is the Department of  
25     Justice is going to continue to say that they think it requires  
26     NEPA compliance. Whether or not an environmental assessment will

1 satisfy that requirement will be the question, but they -- they  
2 certainly have made it clear that -- that it's got to comply with  
3 NEPA, and that's going to require at least an environmental  
4 assessment. Whether they will require an EIS or not, I don't know,  
5 and I don't think we'll get a legal closure to it until we complete  
6 an environmental assessment of a particular project and find out  
7 whether or not Justice is going to provide that. I suspect that  
8 they will want to see a science -- a scientific review of the  
9 genetic -- of the impacts, including the genetic implications of  
10 introducing stocks into the stream and beginning to affect the  
11 natural competition, as I understand it. But, I think they want to  
12 hear what the project is. They want to hear from scientists, they  
13 want to see somebody do an environmental impact statement -- I'm  
14 sorry, an environmental assessment of what that might be, and then  
15 there will be a determination about whether or not they're going to  
16 require an environmental impact statement. Now, they have not  
17 given that to us in writing yet, but they have -- they have said,  
18 and I believe that there was some people from Cordova who met with  
19 the Assistant Attorney General of the United States when he was  
20 here, and he relayed that message. (Indiscernible - simultaneous  
21 talking) And I assume that he is going to say that in writing to  
22 us soon, but he has not to date.

23 MR. GRAY: In regard -- in regard to this proposal  
24 then I guess, I mean, I'm coming off the top of my head here, but  
25 I guess that that would mean that if we were going to try to do  
26 something like this, the Trustee Council would have to fund the

1 EIS. Right? I can't imagine how you could possibly want somebody  
2 to fund that EIS. Our understanding was that the Main Bay Hatchery  
3 deal was a done deal, it was over, finished, but I don't know how  
4 that relates to all of this. But, anyway, well, that kind of --  
5 actually that doesn't clear anything up, but we'd sure like to see  
6 some kind of resolution to this at some point, here. It seems to  
7 have gone on and on here in -- in a gray area for quite a while, so  
8 we should definitely step up to plate here and make a call here one  
9 way or the other. But, if you have to have EIS, I guess that would  
10 just increase the cost of this proposal with the Trustee Council,  
11 what -- to proceed -- it was a good proposal, something they wanted  
12 to try to do.

13 MR. AYERS: I think -- I appreciate -- I appreciate  
14 your frustration, and I got to assure you nothing frustrates me  
15 anymore than the ghostly opinions that you referred to about not  
16 having someone step up to the plate and have the courage of their  
17 own convictions. You know, one of the most frustrating things for  
18 you as a fisherman and a member of a community that was impacted by  
19 the spill is to have so many people with authority and so few with  
20 responsibility. And, I understand that, and I appreciate your  
21 feelings on that. What we're trying to do is drive the Attorney  
22 General's Office, the Department of Justice, toward a written  
23 opinion about the question, but I think that you have hit the nail  
24 on the head. I think it is going to require an environmental  
25 impact statement, and I want to be clear here, I'm not going to ask  
26 the Trustee Council for the funding and authorize the pursuit of an



1 environmental impact statement before we have a conversation, and  
2 by we, I mean the community of Cordova and fishermen, and the  
3 people involved with the hatchery, and we sit down and talk with  
4 the science about -- how you'd like to proceed, because I'm going  
5 to do it with you, I don't -- you know, I don't want us getting off  
6 on a tangent here without us, you know, working together on this  
7 thing. So, with that said, I appreciate -- I appreciate what  
8 you're saying, I understand your frustration, and I think that  
9 that's exactly what we got to find out is, first, what do the  
10 scientists have to say, I want hear from -- I want to have them  
11 really look through this project over the next couple of days, and  
12 then we want to sit down with the Department of Justice and get a  
13 clear reading if they're require an Environmental Impact Statement  
14 and I -- if they are, then we need to sit down over in Cordova and  
15 kind kick around how we'd like to pursue that.

16 MR. GRAY: That sounds good. We'd just like to --  
17 you know, draw up some line on the sand here somewhere. But,  
18 anyway we've got two very important people that have come in here  
19 at the last minute here to testify, Jim, we have Jerry McCune here  
20 first.

21 MR. McCUNE: Hi, Jim.

22 MR. AYERS: Hi, Jerry.

23 MR. McCUNE: Jerome and Jim, you know I've been on the  
24 Public Advisory Group, you know, to the Trustees and also President  
25 of Cordova District Fisherman United. My first statement I wanted  
26 to make sure that you know that CDFU, according to SEA plan, which

1 is 95320, and that projects that we talked about up to four point  
2 million -- that we talked about for little bit, so hopefully we'll  
3 see that funded. As far as the PWSAC proposal 95093 and Eyak  
4 Tribal Council proposal 95024, we CDFU fully supports these  
5 proposals, and the reason is we haven't seen any great gains in the  
6 wild stocks in the Prince William Sound, although some people like  
7 to count the hatchery stocks that had a great success this year,  
8 the PWSAC and Valdez, as we're recovering. That's not the case as  
9 far as the wild stocks are concerned, and Dave Billings fully knows  
10 that and so do we. So, in my mind, (indiscernible) to this  
11 process, just a little bit longer than you have even, I don't think  
12 this requires an EIS. For one thing, this is a -- restore the  
13 natural stock in Prince William Sound, and if we get in with the  
14 Justice Department, they're going to drag their feet for the next  
15 year or so, and we don't have a year or two to drag this out with  
16 the Justice Department because they do not make a clear decision in  
17 a fast manner, they never have. They still haven't made a decision  
18 before you came along yet. I'm going -- on what can be done. So,  
19 I don't think this requires EIS, and so we welcome you coming done  
20 here to -- to talk to us about this whole proposal. And, I'll tell  
21 you, if PAG was excited -- excited that Jim (indiscernible) this  
22 proposal or any proposal for a long time, because this is direct  
23 restoration on wild stocks that were damaged and other resources  
24 that are -- important to the Natives, that was damaged clearly by  
25 what the federal government said. The Restoration Team said these  
26 stocks are damaged, and that goes along with the subsistence stock

1 and the -- and all the common property stocks in Prince William  
2 Sound, as far as the wild stock go. It's a clear-cut picture, and  
3 it fits right into the criteria of the Trustees. I'm done.

4 MR. AYERS: Thank you, Jerry. Is there anybody else  
5 in Cordova that wishes to testify?

6 CORDOVA LIO: No, no they're done, thanks.

7 MR. AYERS: Okay. Is there anybody else on line this  
8 evening that has not had a chance to testify that wishes to do so  
9 at this time? I want to thank you all for taking the time to come  
10 out, and I know that, as Jerry points out, you've been at this a  
11 lot longer than I have, and you certainly have endured more and  
12 longer than probably all of us. And, I appreciate the fact that  
13 you are staying involved and taking the time to continue to work  
14 through this with us and your guidance is appreciated. We look  
15 forward to your continued involvement, and as soon as we have put  
16 together our review of the public comments, we'll be back together  
17 going through these projects. We'll be meeting with the Public  
18 Advisory Group on the 12th and 13th of October, and then we'll be  
19 putting together recommendations for the Trustee Council, and the  
20 Trustee Council will be holding a meeting making decisions on the  
21 '95 Work Plan at the November 2nd and 3rd meeting. Well, that's  
22 it. Thank you all very much for coming out tonight, and have a  
23 good evening.

24 (OFF RECORD: 8:07 p.m.)

25 END OF PROCEEDINGS

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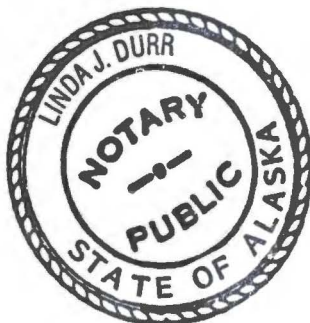
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