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Emergency Teleconference Meeting
Wednesday, May 26, 1999
3:30 p.m.

Fourth Floor
645 G Street
Anchorage, Alaska

TRUSTEE COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT (all telephonically):

STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF LAW (Chairman)

MR. CRAIG TILLERY
Trustee Representative
for the Attorney General

STATE OF ALASKA - DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND GAME

MR. FRANK RUE
Commissioner

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

MR. BARRY ROTH
Trustee Alternate for the
Special Assistant to the
Secretary for Alaska

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
U.S. FOREST SERVICE

MR. DAVE GIBBONS
Trustee Representative

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

MR. STEVE PENNOYER
Director, Alaska Region

STATE OF ALASKA - DEPARTMENT
OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

MS. MICHELE BROWN
Commissioner

TRUSTEE COUNCIL STAFF PRESENT:

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MS. MOLLY MCCAMMON Executive Director

MR. STAN SENNER Science Coordinator

MS. REBECCA WILLIAMS Executive Secretary

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PROCEEDINGS

(On record - 3:30 p.m.)

CHAIRMAN TILLERY: Present are Frank Rue with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Michele Brown with the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, Dave Gibbons with the United States Forest Service, Steve Pennoyer with the United States National Marine Fisheries Service, Craig Tillery with the Alaska Department of Law and we will be joined shortly by Marilyn Heiman with the Department of the Interior. The meeting is called to order and it appears that there is only one item of business that I'm aware of which is the request for emergency funds for outboard motors for the APEX project. Ms. McCammon could you define that?

MS. MCCAMMON: Yes, there is a request from Dave Irons who is the principle investigator for Project 99163. They have six outboard motors powering Boston whalers that are being used on the APEX project. They had hoped to get through this season with these existing motors but have found themselves unable to. They have already lost approximately a week's worth of field work this year because of down-time due to these motors. The request, actually for next year, was in another budget for the boat survey work and even given that they hadn't been used this year, but only used for the boat surveys, we still felt it was an appropriate request. So, I support going forward and trying to get these funds this year.

MR. PENNOYER: Craig?

CHAIRMAN TILLERY: Ok, are there questions? Mr. Pennoyer?

MR. PENNOYER: Yeah, Molly, so what you are telling us is that this would have been used next year but we're not going to get a subsequent additional request for six more motors next year?

MS. MCCAMMON: That's correct. The budget 00159 will be reduced by \$66,000. That's correct.

MR. GIBBONS: Mr. Chairman, this is Dave Gibbons, how old are these outboards, just out of curiosity?

MR. RUE: Two thousand hours he said.

MR. SENNER: Dave, this is Stan Senner. I don't have the year, we did purchase these motors and it's been several years but I don't recall how many . . .

MR. RUE : Two thousand hours . . .

MR. SENNER: Yeah, two thousand hours . . .

MR. RUE: Three, three thousand hours.

MR. SENNER: Right.

MR. RUE: That's a lot of hours. Question, how many more years do we expect the project to run?

MS. MCCAMMON: The APEX project, this is it's final field season this year but we expect to have at least two more years of field work for the marine boat surveys. So this would give them three years, three seasons worth of work.

MR. RUE: And that's about what these motors seem to last.

MS. MCCAMMON: It seems like it, yes. Craig, is it possible to get a motion and have five people vote and then if the others want to get off just wait for

Marilyn to join us if you would be willing to stay on the line?

MR. TILLERY: It is problematic in that if you then have a discussion with her, she would be voting on different information than other people would.

MS. MCCAMMON: Yeah.

MR. RUE: Ok, well, I'm sort of in the middle of another meeting which I need to finish. I could put you all on hold, go ahead and do that, and then if I hear Marilyn come on I'll pick up again. Is that alright?

MR. PENNOYER: Yeah, maybe we could all do that because I have some stuff I'm doing too. Could we just do that Molly and we'll just be here listening and you give us a shout when Marilyn gets on?

MS. MCCAMMON: Sure.

MR. RUE: Maybe wait for what, how many minutes, ten minutes, five minutes, what's worth waiting before you just call us back?

MS. MCCAMMON: She's now trying to track down a cell number or something to see if we can get it that way.

MR. RUE: Alright, well, it seems we're wasting a lot of time.

MS. MCCAMMON: Yeah, I know, I apologize. We had a commitment that it would start at . . .

CHAIRMAN TILLERY: Is your idea to just have everybody put it on mute and we'll still be kind of listening, is that the concept?

MR. PENNOYER: Yeah, for the next five minutes, Frank said for the next five or ten minutes, after that maybe it's not worth while. So we'll stand on mute until

someone shouts at us or we'll come back later.

MS. MCCAMMON: Ok, sounds good.

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On Record 3:49 p.m.

MS. MCCAMMON: Barry?

MR. ROTH: Yes.

MS. MCCAMMON: Ok, go ahead Craig.

CHAIRMAN TILLERY: Ok, Frank are you there?

MR. RUE: Yeah.

CHAIRMAN TILLERY: Steve?

MR. PENNOYER: Yeah I'm here.

CHAIRMAN TILLERY: Michele?

MS. BROWN: Yes, still here.

CHAIRMAN TILLERY: Ok, and Dave?

MR. GIBBONS: Yes.

CHAIRMAN TILLERY: Ok, and Barry Roth. The meeting is now back in session and Barry Roth has joined us as the designated alternate for Marilyn Heiman.

We now have everyone. Barry did you receive a fax ?

MR. ROTH: No.

MS. MCCAMMON: No.

CHAIRMAN TILLERY: Ms. McCammon could you briefly explain to him what the purpose of the meeting is?

MS. MCCAMMON: Yes, this is an emergency request for \$66,000 to purchase and install six new outboard motors for project 99163, the APEX project, which is a the US Fish & Wildlife project. They are out in the field currently and their motors are dying as we speak and they need these new motors in order to complete their project this year. They had requested these funds for the boat survey for next year so these funds would be deleted from the budget for the FY2000 budget. So the request is for \$66,000 for project 99163 for boat motors.

CHAIRMAN TILLERY: Mr. Roth do you have any questions about that?

MR. ROTH: No, I think it's self explanatory.

CHAIRMAN TILLERY: Ok, are there any other questions or comments from the Council members?

(No audible response)

CHAIRMAN TILLERY: Ok, is there a motion?

MR. PENNOYER: I move that we approve the request to purchase the six out board motors for the APEX project in Prince William Sound.

MS. BROWN: Second.

CHAIRMAN TILLERY: Ok, it's been moved and seconded. Is there any discussion? Hearing none . . .

MR. GIBBONS: Mr. Chairman, my only comment and the point was made previously, is that these out boards come off the request for FY2000.

CHAIRMAN TILLERY: Thank you. That is my understanding. Are there any other comments?

(No audible response)

CHAIRMAN TILLERY: Ok, all in favor of the motion please signify by saying aye.

IN UNISON: Aye

CHAIRMAN TILLERY: Opposed?

(No audible response)

CHAIRMAN TILLERY: It is unanimously approved and the motion carries. Is there any other business for the Council today?

MS. MCCAMMON: No.

CHAIRMAN TILLERY: Is there a motion to adjourn?

MR. RUE: So moved.

MR. GIBBONS: Second.

CHAIRMAN TILLERY: It's been moved and seconded, all in favor signify by saying aye.

IN UNISON: Aye

CHAIRMAN TILLERY: Thank you. This Council meeting is adjourned. Thank you, Mr. Roth.

MS. MCCAMMON: Thank you, very much.

MR. ROTH: Thank you

MR. PENNOYER: Bye

MR. RUE: Bye, thanks, Steve.

Off record 3:52 p.m.