PUBLIC COMMENTS

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS FFY94 RESTORATION DRAFT WORK PLAN

The Trustee Council sent out the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Restoration Draft 1994 Work Plan for public review on December 13th, 1993. A total of 462 comments were received by the end of the 30-day comment period. A write-in campaign for the Alaska Marine Research Center contributed 311 individual comments advocating that project, most of which were clip-out newspaper coupons. Each letter received was coded as either advocating or opposing one or more of the 64 projects contained within the draft 1994 Work Plan.

In addition to comments on specific projects the following general themes were expressed in a number of letters:

- Public perception that Restoration Funds are being used primarily for monitoring and little general restoration is taking place,
- A perception that the public should be allowed to receive contracts to perform restoration work--rather than having the state and federal governments monopolizing control and spending of the oil spill funds, and
- ♦ A need for habitat protection through land acquisition.

Additionally, seven new projects were proposed for inclusion in the final 1994 Restoration Work Plan:

- 1. Establishment of an endowment
- 2. Endowed Chairs to be established at the University of Alaska
- 4. Land trades as a form of habitat acquisition
- 5. Spruce bark beetle program
- 6. Retirement of the PWSAC hatchery debt
- 7. Construction of recreation cabins in Prince William Sound

Few respondents commented on all of the projects.

Habitat acquisition, the hatchery operating expenses support proposal, and the Alaska Marine Research Institute generated the greatest amount of public comment.

Most comments were received from inside the state (30 comments were received from the rest of the United States). A breakdown on the number of comments by location follows:

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| SEWARD | 94 |
| CORDOVA | 34 |
| FAIRBANKS | 22 |
| KENAI/SOLDOTNA | 19 |
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| USA | 10 |
| OTHER MAT-SU | 15 |
| VALDEZ | 7 |
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Dear Trustee:

After reviewing your 1994 Draft Work Plan, I noted the lack of effort or funds targeted towards working with private landowners on habitat restoration or enhancement. The budget is basically divided between paying for studies, administering projects and outright purchase of private lands. The Plan justifies spending enormous sums on the acquisition of private lands in the spill area. However, we could not identify any proposed projects where monies would be used to restore or enhance lands of those private landowners that have chosen not to sell their lands. Many of these landowners are currently managing their lands and are engaged in development activities, such as timber harvesting, shellfish farming, and community construction projects. These owners could easily participate in restoration projects that do not involve the purchase of their lands.

Koncor has approached trustee staff on several occasions with ideas of such restoration and enhancement projects. We currently have active timber harvest and forest management activities on Afognak and Montague Islands. Your staff's response has always been positive and supportive but unfortunately nothing has ever happened. This is clearly evidenced by the lack of any restoration projects for private landowners included in the 1994 Draft Work Plan.

The types of projects Koncor has discussed with your staff has included such things as salmon stream enhancement, modifying stream buffers, wildlife reserve areas, rescheduling of harvesting sequences, routing of roads to avoid critical habitat areas for spill damaged species, etc. These are all projects that could be done cooperatively with private landowners who choose not to sell their land to the Government but are still concerned about restoration and or enhancement.

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It was made clear during these meetings with the trustee's staff that this is not a request for funds, which we reemphasize now. Koncor would just like to see some of the Exxon Spill money spent on actual fish and wildlife enhancement projects on private land, not just studies, administration or the outright purchase of the private property. Exxon Spill staff go to great lengths to explain their perceived impacts on spill damaged species from such activities as timber harvesting. There are many of us that believe timber harvesting can be done without seriously impacting oil spilled damaged species. In fact, we believe that through proper forest management, not only can serious harm be prevented but habitat can even be enhanced.

Some examples of projects that could be proposed are:

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- (A) <u>Enhancement of Salmon Streams</u> There are many streams on Montague Island and other islands that remain damaged from the 1964 earthquake. Restoring these streams to their pre-1964 condition would increase the population of salmon in Prince William Sound. Restoring these earthquake damaged streams would be a permanent benefit to the natural resources of the entire area and the people of Prince William Sound who depend on these resources.
- (B) <u>Accelerated Reforestation</u> The regeneration of harvested lands in coastal areas mainly depends on natural regenerations. Through the use of genetically superior trees, planting of nursery stock, thinning, and other forest management techniques, the trees can reach a mature state in a fraction of the normal time. Additionally, the manipulation of trees through forest management techniques can specifically target enhancing forest characteristics which favor animal species damaged by the oil spill.

These are just a few examples of cooperative projects that could be done with private landowners. I would encourage the Trustees to consider including several cooperative Private Land Enhancement Projects in your Final 1994 Work Plan. That would help assure that at least some of the spill money was spent on projects that will actually restore and enhance the natural ecosystems of Prince William Sound.

Sincerely,

John L. Sturgeon

President

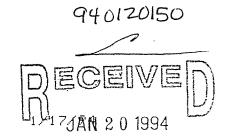
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cc: Jim Ayers, Executive Director

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council

John J. Sturgeon/MJM

James G King 1700 Branta Road Juneau, Alaska 99801



To: Members of the EVOS Trustee Council From: Jim King, Conservation Member, PAG Sub.: 94 Work Plan, Points to Ponder

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1) The projects for the 1994 Work Plan are all worth Stated COUNCIL well presented by competent and sincere people. Most of the projects might be eliqible for other forms of funding.

- 2) Most of the '94 proposals appear to be more of a piecemeal rather than an ecosystem approach to resource management. This seems to be in conflict with Policy #1 of the Draft Restoration Plan. Most of the proposals appear to be contrary to Policy #9 because they are within the normal responsibility of the agencies thus eligible for legislative funding. Members of the Trustee Council are probably better qualified to evaluate relevance of the proposals to Policy #9 than are members of the PAG.
- 3) Living resources are always dynamic and as we get .
 farther from the oil spill, even though we know effects
 linger, it gets more difficult to assign a direct connection
 or devise an effective cure.
- 4) The Settlement money will be half gone in 1994 and the remainder could easily be dispersed in the same fashion during the next eight years without any assurance that recovery will be complete or that all the questions will be resolved.
- 5) The most promising proposals for extending the benefits of the Settlement into the decades ahead, where effects may still be found, are: a) purchase and management of selected habitats for the benefit of species injured by the spill and, b) establishment of a permanent research endowment so that new spill connected problems can be investigated with new technology, in perpetuity.

- 6) The most efficient means of managing a research endowment would be through the existing University of Alaska Foundation, rather than by inventing and funding some new bureaucracy.
- 7) The way to get the highest benefit from research funding may be through establishing academic research chairs at a level to support associated graduate fellowships because: a) chairs funded this way would be competitive with the world's great universities for attracting the world's most talented scientists; b) academic research leads to major scientific publications thus contributing to world knowledge, c) university research programs produce trained scientists, d) effective academic research attracts additional grants and contracts so successful programs grow and prosper, e) growth of the university sector creates local as well as world wide economic benefits.

- 8) The Trustee Council could create some academic chairs now to focus on the ecology of oil affected resource groups such as: a) salmon, b) herring, c) seabirds, d) sea mammals, e) marine invertebrates, f) marine plants, and perhaps, e) human activity such as subsistence and recreation.
- 9) Creating academic chairs in 1994 might lead to some political criticism. In the face of any such opposition could members of the Trustee Council still take pride in having created the academic chairs that would enhance the damaged resources, and human affairs, through the 21st century and beyond?
- 10) Creating academic chairs in 1994 might lead to a surge of popular support and demand for using Settlement money to round out a major, permanently funded, world center of marine science, in coastal Alaska.

From the conservation point of view establishing endowed academic chairs and a world center of marine science makes the most sense of anything that could be done for oil damaged resources in Alaska.

Jim King

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Additional Comments:

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Being a former resident of Sewarel and Knowing that the area is ideal for the Mesearch mentioned, I support funding for such projects. It is Valuable to be Oble to have the resources that were effected by the Exxon oil Spill for study at a centrally tocated facility.

I am currently enfolled at the

University of AK Fairbanks and my terld of Study to Fisheries & Ocean Scrences. To have the Option of research, rehabilitet. and enhancement of Marine life in and around Prince William Sound is far More Valuable than can be estimated. This will give the community and the State advantages to the options ontside and Klep Valuable Douple where they want to

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Anchorage, AK 99501

EYUS Council Members:

1 am writing on behalf of "ground zero", a small area with a large, beautiful, iraqile eco-system in the State of Alaska, which u lot of Alaskans and Americans care about. Uthervise known as Frince William Sound, "ground zero" suffered a large oil spill in 1989 the effects of which have been ecologically devastating and socially damaging.

In addition, the results of this tradic event also created a billion dollar reserve and restoration fund of which you the EYUS Council have been entrusted to use to restore the area. Are you lamiliar with this area?

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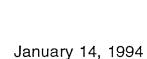
Frince William Sound is in trouble! Prince William Sound is in need of restoration: Frince William Sound is in need of research! Before you buy any more forests or before you build any wore itsh hatcheries, how about helping our lisheries and our matcheries, the ones that were destroyed by the spill. Assisting and restoring Frince William Sound was the mandate of the nemorandum of Agreement and Consent Decree dated August 28, 1991. riease act accordingly.

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1 could continue this request with a long explanation but i melleve you already know the reasons and know that to do it is right. Ferhaps, you just need the encouragement or even courage to do it. I strongly encourage you to restore PW5 and I give you the courage to do it. Prince William bound needs help to recover.

Sincerely.

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Dear EVOS Trustee;

I am writing in regard to two projects in the Draft 1994 Work Plan. As a commercial fisherman and resident of Prince William Sound, I strongly urge you to support Project Number 94421, Common Property Salmon Stock Restoration and Project Number 94320, Sound Ecosystem Assessment Plan.

In regard to Project number 94421, Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation has been a critical producer of Pink, Chum and Red salmon for Prince William Sound for the past decade. It is absolutely necessary to insure that PSWAC is around in the future to help restore the damaged salmon stocks for commercial, sport and subsistance users in the sound.

In regard to Project Number 94320, the ecosystem approach to study the possible factors involved in the decline of the Pacific Herring and Pink Salmon runs in PWS is very important for the environmental and economic restoration of this area.

Please, once again, I urge you to support these projects.

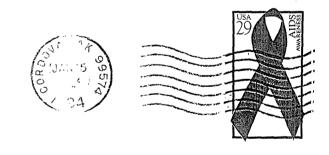
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Very Truly Yours,

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Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council 645 G Street Anchorage, AK 99501

Re: <u>Draft 1994 Work Plan</u>

Members of the EVOS Trustee Council:

JAN 18 1994 EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL

I am writing in support of EVOS Trustee Council funding for Project Number 94421, Common Property Salmon Stock Restoration, in the Draft 1994 Work Plan. In particular, I ask for full funding to maintain the existing salmon enhancement and restoration system operated in the Prince William Sound bioregion by the Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation (PWSAC).

Prince William Sound salmon fisheries are distressed. During the ten years prior to 1989, the average annual return of all salmon to the PWS management region was 22 million fish. Total natural and hatchery salmon returns have dwindled to 10.5 million in 1992 and 7.0 million in 1993, in response to ecosystem changes that require further investigation. The damaged salmon resources and the lost services provided by those resources have heavily impacted all user groups. Revenues to PWSAC, primarily dependent on sales of returning fish, have fallen far short of what is necessary to maintain its restoration and enhancement efforts.

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Because of the extent of the economic hardship in the region, it is also appropriate to ask the EVOS Trustee Council funds to repay the PWSAC debt to the State Aquaculture Revolving Loan Fund, in addition to the funding request for 1994.

Please help the resources and the people of Prince William Sound recover.

Thank you.







Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council 645 G Street Auchorage, AK

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From STUART L. DEAL Box 1975 Condova, Ak. 99574

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Re; Draft 1994 Work Plan TRUSTEE COUNCIL

Members of the EVOS Trustee Council;

my support of a funding proposal mow before you. Project number 421-4
Stock Restoration in the Draft 1994 Work Plan deserves your approval and full funding. The communities of Lower Cooks Inlet, the north Gulf of Alaska and especially Prince William Sound were generally prosperous in the last decade. This was because of the about a waters in get good fisheries management, a healthy and productive ecosystem and salmon enhancement programs. the aftermath of the oil spill broken mæn spring. These commenities are threatened. The town that I fish out of, Cordova is Cital a town I at the dust board of Oklahoma in the the 1930s. People on pactions

The hatcheries of this region are an integral part of the expectations. Because their funding comes from the fish they produce, and because these fish are returning in disasterously low numbers, the hatcheries lack funds to operate. They are on the verge of running of food for fish, fish that part the bills in Cordova. It to allow these enhancement programs to fail, while entertuning the proposals for sea life parks and bear habitat purchases is negligence. You are trustees appointed in the form for serve in the public interest. To your job.

Sincerely

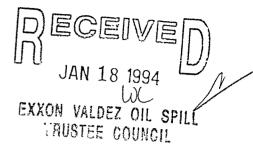
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DWSAC Board Wember Drift Gillnet Fisherman January 4, 1994

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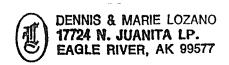
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Box 1761
Friday Harbor, WA 98250
January 14, 1994

Dear Sir;

My only comment on the Exton Valdez Restoration 1994 Draft Work Plan is regarding Project 94421, Common Stock Hatchery Restoration.

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I suggest that you not spend one more dollar on trying to raise pink salmon at the Tutka Hatchery or any other hatchery in the Cook Inlet area. Any independent, unbiased study would surely show that this is not a viable project.

Very truly yours,

Ed Nash (for Bertha Flynn)

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EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL

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To whom it concerns,

Thank you for accepting my comments on your draft 1994 Work Plan. I would like to express support for those projects which, 1. provide some potential direct restoration, and 2. provide for the long term restoration of the oil spill area.

In general I am disappointed in how little is proposed for Habitat Acquisition as a percentage of the total. With overwhelming support it seems that the Trustees could be putting more aside for Acquisition. I also notice the continued trend for monitoring and research projects. While some seem reasonable, there also seems to be quite a bit of duplication. With that said I support:

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940ED, FC, PAG, ORT: These are needed, but I question the need for spending the amount proposed. Are we rehabilitating the Oil Spill affected area, or the Anchorage economy?

I am not familiar with many of the projects, but it seems that these will best cover the information needed for effective long term restoration and also provide actions for effective short term restoration.

Sincerely,

Paul Twardock

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Box 1185 Cordvova, AK 99574 January 14, 1994 WC

Attn: Jim Ayers Executive Director EVOS Trustee Council 645 G St. Anchorage, AK 99501



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UBUSTEE COUNCIL

Dear Jim:

I am writing to express my opposition to the funding of FY '94 Proposal 94092: Killer Whale Recovery Monitoring. The reasons for my position are the following:

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- 1. The cost of the project is far too high. Local researchers have been monitoring and photoidentifying all of the Orca pods in Prince William Sound since 1984 for much less than the cost of Project 94092.
- 2. Proposal 94092 duplicates the work already conducted by the North Gulf Oceanic Society. NGOS has a proven track record of cost effective research and familiarity with the Sound and its Orca population. In addition, NGOS has established a cordial working relationship with the fishermen and other user groups in Prince William Sound who assist the researchers through timely reports of pod locations. This rapport between the researchers and the public has taken years to develop and has proven to be a valuable resource in expediting research activities.
- Project 94092 effectively eliminates meaningful participation by local killer whale researchers who have worked for over 10 years in the Prince William Sound and North Gulf region. EVOS restoration funds should not be used to fund excessively costly projects that duplicate and supplant established and respected research efforts.

In closing I would like to reiterate earlier comments that I have made to the Trustees urging that projects be put out to competitive bid and that no EVOS restoration monies be used to fund agency activities that would otherwise be paid for by legislative appropriations. I am concerned that EVOS restoration funds have been, and will be used to expand agency activities beyond those normally mandated.

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Sincerely, Bester

Karl Becker

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Box 1390 Cordvova, AK 99574 January 14, 1994

Attn: Jim Ayers, Executive Director EVOS Trustee Council 645 G St Anchorage, AK 99501



EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL

Dear Mr. Ayers:

Please do not fund EVOS restoration project 94092. This project duplicates existing research efforts in Prince William Sound and is ridiculously expensive. Local researchers have been photodocumenting and monitoring the Orcas of the Sound for many years at a fraction of the project's proposed cost. GZ - N

Research contracts should be awarded on a competitive basis and every effort should be made to use the expertise and experience of the established non-governmental research community in Prince William Sound.

Thank you for your attention and best of luck in your new position.

Sincerely,

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Please Support Sound Ecosystem Assessment (SEA) 94320 Ecosystem Stu Plan. It is a well planned effort that will foster comprehensive ecosystem assessment in the future. The people involved in the SEA effort have the interests of PWSound at heart.

Do not support the Alaska Marine Research Institute in Sewar The effort there is aimed principally at economic gain for Seward (another big money project in Seward). 199-N The Seward effort shows no real concern for the EVOS affected region, PWS in particular, they are only concerns with Filling their pockets.

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In general i am supportive of most of the projects in the 1994 work plan. I hope future efforts are better coordinated and integrated to help restone the EVOS affected region, of which PWSound was the most severely affected. As a 10 year Alaskan resident, and a resident of PWS, I urge y to keep the resources of the EVOS region at the forefront in your descision making. I realize that the governor and his big money mentality (as well as UAF's desire for \$ 200 million is ontially during the effect in Courses. At the viery look Additional Comments:

if you fund the Sevard effort, at least Spread the weat to PWS, Kodiak, Cook Inlet; for gods sake do not let then build an economic empire that reflects no concern to the well being of the resources or the people other the in Seward. If the Sevard effort were was truly an attempt to restore damage done to the Evos region, the people there would be seeking to work with others in the reto plan the best and most effective efforts to aid recovery of damaged human and natural resources. This is not seccurring, everyone outside of Seward has been excluded.

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P.O. Box 1185 Cordova, AK 99574 January 14, 1994

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RE: Draft 1994 Workplan

Dear Trustees:



EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL

I appreciate this opportunity to comment. As we approach the fifth anniversary of the oil spill, it is discouraging to me that no habitat in Prince William Sound is yet protected from further degradation. \$250 of the 900 million has been spent and, though I have always supported long-term (i.e., 20 years) research on the spill's impacts, the studies conducted, to date, have generally lacked coordination and sometimes been terribly overfunded.

On the positive side, I am encouraged by the recent administrative changes in the Trustee Council's operation. And, I am encouraged by the Trustee Council's support for the Prince William Sound Fisheries Ecosystem Research Planning Group. This coalition group is trying to be inclusive of all interest groups in the region (i.e., government, agencies, fishermen, environmentalists, scientists and the general public). Its focus is to draft long-term research plans that will address some of the unanswered questions we have about the interaction of species in Prince William Sound.

While previous planning efforts have appeared "top-down" and/or agency-driven, this group's planning effort is starting within the community and moving out to the agencies and other communities in the region.

Specific comments I have regarding the draft 94 work plan are:

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- Project 94092, to monitor the AB pod of killer whales in Prince William Sound, is an example of an overfunded project that could be more efficiently completed by private researchers. \$163,100 is requested by NOAA to do a project that the North Gulf Oceanic Society, a group of private researchers, has been doing continuously since 1982 for less than half that cost. What portion of that \$163,100 is going to NOAA just for administrative overhead?
- 2) Project 94320, to initiate the Sound Ecosystem Assessment (SEA) plan studies, is a step in the right direction toward integrative ecosystem studies involving a variety of private and public agencies. Last August, the Trustee Council set aside \$5 million for ecosystem studies in Prince William Sound. I encourage you to allocate those funds to the SEA project.

- Project 94199, the Alaska Sea Life Center, does not have my support because, in my view, it would spend so much money on buildings and infrastructure that would largely be directed at tourists. While I do not oppose marine mammal aquarirums in general, I don't support the construction of one in Alaska. The \$46 million being requested for this facility would be better spent directly on marine mammal research (through the Seward Marine Science Center, The Prince William Sound Science Center, the University of Alaska, the Fishery Industrial Technology Center, the Auke Bay Laboratory, NOAA's Marine Mammal Laboratory and other already existing research entities) and/or the money would be better spent on habitat protection measures for those marine mammals at risk.
- 4) I support Project 94421 to support the common property salmon stock restoration. The fact that salmon returns to most other regions of the state were as predicted contrasts dramatically with the return of both wild and hatchery stocks in Prince William Sound. In general, I do not support operational funding of hatcheries using Exxon Valdez monies but am persuaded that this year it is reasonable to allocate interim funds.

I wish I could say I spent the hours necessary to review all the projects in the draft 94 workplan. But, I haven't, in part, out of laziness probably, but largely because of the stress it causes. I don't like being critical of projects. I want to trust that budgets submitted are not padded with administrative expenses by agencies but cannot be sure and am generally very skeptical.

I still want to see a majority of the Exxon Valdez settlement funds spent on habitat protection and I strongly encourage your support for conservation easements, not just fee simple purchases. I also want to see long-term research funded to ensure that we learn as much as possible from the 1989 disaster.

Respectfully,

Mancy Bird



EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL

14 JANUARY 1994

EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL 645 G STREET ANCHORAGE. ALASKA 99501

MEMBERS OF THE EVOS TRUSTEE COUNCIL:

I KNOW YOU HAVE HEARD THIS BEFORE, BUT AT THE RISK OF SOUNDING LIKE A BROKEN RECORD, I'LL SAY IT AGAIN. PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND IS IN BAD SHAPE. THE RESIDENTS OF THIS IMPACTED AREA REQUEST YOUR IMMEDIATE HELP IN THE UPCOMING YEAR.

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PLEASE CONSIDER FULL FUNDING FOR PROJECT # 94421, COMMON PROPERTY SALMON STOCK RESTORATION. WITHOUT GOING INTO ALL THE DETAILS OF WHICH YOU ARE ALREADY WELL AWARE, JUST LET ME STATE THAT IT ONLY SEEMS NATURAL TO USE AN INFRASTRUCTURE THAT IS ALREADY IN PLACE. TO DUPLICATE A PROCESS TO COME UP WITH THE SAME END RESULT WOULD PROVE TO BE AN EVEN MORE COSTLY ENDEAVOR THEN WHAT IT IS GOING TO TAKE TO KEEP THE CURRENT PROCESS OPERATIONAL.

PLEASE ALLOW ME TO ADD ONE MORE REQUEST. IT MAY BE A BIT OF A STRETCH, BUT CONSIDERATION OF RETIRING PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND AQUACULTURE CORPORATION'S STATE AQUACULTURE REVOLVING LOAN FUND WOULD ALSO BE A TREMENDOUS BOOST TO THE ECONOMY OF THE REGION. SO MUCH TIME AND ENERGY IS SPENT TRYING TO FIGURE WAYS TO KEEP THIS ORGANIZATION AFLOAT. I CANNOT HELP BUT THINK THAT THOSE RESOURCES CAN BE PUT TO BETTER USE FOCUSING ON THE PROBLEMS OF THE BIOREGION OF PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION OF MY REQUEST. AS WELL AS YOUR TROUBLES OF JUST BEING A TRUSTEE COUNCIL MEMBER. I KNOW IT IS A TREMENDOUS ADDITIONAL BURDEN TO YOUR DAILY LIFE AND YOUR EFFORTS DO NOT GO UNNOTICED.

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Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council 645 G Street Anchorage, AK 99501 EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL

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Members of the EVOS Trustee Council:

I am writing in support of EVOS Trustee Council funding for Project Number 94421, Common Property Salmon Stock Restoration, in the Draft 1994 Work Plan. In particular, I ask for full funding to maintain the existing salmon enhancement and restoration system operated in the Prince William Sound bioregion by the Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation.

Prince William Sound salmon fisheries are distressed. During the ten years prior to 1989, the average annual return of all salmon to the PWS management region was 22 million fish. Total natural and hatchery salmon returns have dwindled to 10.5 million in 1992 and 7.0 in 1993, in response to ecosystem changes that require further investigation. The damaged salmon resources and the lost services provided by those resources have heavily impacted all user groups. Revenues to PWSAC, primarily dependent on sales of returning fish, have faller far short of what is recessary to maintain its restoration and enhancement efforts.

While the extent of short and long-term damage to the Prince William Sound ecosystem is still being assessed, it is more important than ever to the people of the Sound that the salmon enhancement programs be maintained to both restore and replace these lost resources and services. The economic viability of the entire Prince William Sound region will be devastated if the hatchery system is allowed to fail during this period of distress.

Because of the extent of the economic handship in the region, it is also appropriate to ask the EVOS Trustee Council funds to repay the PWSAC debt to the State Aquaculture Revolving Loan Fund, in addition to the funding request for 1994.

As a person who has fished the Sound now for twelve years I can attest that there have been many problems and strange occurrences since the 1989 oil spill. I do believe more than one factor is involved, but I strongly feel that the Exxon Oil Spill was a major contributor to the downfall of the ecosystem. Please help the resources and the people of Prince William Sound recover.

Sincerely,

Ron/Thomson

Herring Pound and Salmon Drift Fisherman

COMMENT SHEET EXXON VALDEZ RESTORATION 1994 DRAFT WORK PLAN

You are invited to share your ideas and comments on the Draft 1994 Work Plan. You may use this tear sheet to present your views. If needed, use the space on the back or attach additional sheets. Please fold, staple, and add a postage stamp. Thank you for your interest and participation. Comments must be postmarked by January 14, 1994.

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Attn: Draft 1994 Work Plan



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January 13, 1994

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustees 645 G Street Anchorage, AK 99501

Gentlemen:

RE: DRAFT 1994 WORK PLAN

I oppose the captioned plan except for Project 94290; Hydrocarbon Data Analysis and Interpretation.

Existing reports suggest much of the clean-up process caused harm which otherwise would have been avoided. The Hydrocarbon Data Analysis and Interpretation should provide information on the origin of the oil samples. Until such data are available, the many biological project included in the 1994 Drafty appear either unnecessary or make-work projects.

Very truly yours,

G.H. Holliday, Ph.D., P.E., DEE

President

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EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL 645 G STREET ANCHORAGE, AK 99501



DEAR EVOS TRUSTEE COUNCIL,

EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL

THIS LETTER IS IN SUPPORT OF MAXIMUM FUNDING OF PROJECT NUMBER 94421.

I AM DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE CATASTROPHIC DECLINE IN SALMON RETURNS SINCE THE EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL.

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT TO THE PWSAC IS ESSENTIAL TO THE RESTORATION OF THE PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND SALMON FISHERIES.

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Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council 645 G Street Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sirs:

EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL

CDFU is very encouraged by the Council's emphasis on taking an ecosystem approach to restoring resources and services damaged by the Exxon Valdez oil spill. The adoption of the Draft Restoration Plan represents a significant step forward in the restoration process by defining the guiding principles for restoration planning and development of the annual work plans.

CDFU fully supports the development and implementation of an ecosystem-based research plan to address research needs in the spill-impacted marine environment. We encourage the Trustee Council to give Project 94320, Ecosystem Study Plan, top priority and full funding. This plan, also known as the Sound Ecosystem Assessment (SEA), was developed by a coalition of local scientists and members of the community to fill a primary need in the restoration planning process: an ecosystem-based research plan for Prince William Sound.

In December of last year, the SEA plan was peer reviewed during a workshop held in Cordova by a number of leading scientists. The SEA plan was given a strong endorsement by the scientists assembled who praised the plan as an innovative and practical approach to assessing the health of the Prince William Sound (PWS) marine ecosystem. In addition, the plan was recognized as a methodology which can be adapted for conducting ecosystem research throughout the spill-impacted area.

While the design of an overall ecosystem-based research paradigm is still evolving, the SEA plan will support a multi-disciplinary study to begin examining the physical and biological interactions which affect PWS pink salmon and herring production. Implementation of the SEA plan will provide a model on which to base successive research and monitoring efforts throughout the spill-impacted area. This project is not an end in itself, but an important means for understanding the marine environment and identifying restoration needs.

In reviewing the 1994 Draft Work Plan, there are a number of projects related to fisheries resources which dovetail with the objectives of the Sound Ecosystem Assessment (SEA). The following projects address issues concerning PWS pink salmon and herring populations that would complement the SEA plan proposal. CDFU recommends that these projects be funded:

I-94163: Forage Fish Influence on Recovery of Injured Species

94165: Herring Genetic Stock Identification in PWS

94184: Coded Wire Tag Recoveries from Pink Salmon in PWS 94185: Coded Wire Tagging of Wild Pink Salmon for Stock Identification in Prince William Sound

94187: Otolith Marking - In Season Stock Separation

94189: Pink Salmon Stock Genetics in PWS

બ 94191: Oil Related Egg and Alevin Mortalities

In addition to the SEA plan, CDFU also encourages the Council to give Project 94421, <u>Common Property Salmon Restoration</u>, top priority. Since 1989, PWS has experienced a series of atypical pink salmon returns which have compounded the social and economic impacts of the Exxon Valdez oil spill. CDFU appreciates the Council's recognition of commercial fisheries as a service damaged by the oil spill and the Council's expressed concern for declining pink salmon and herring fisheries in PWS.

For nearly twenty years, the PWSAC hatchery program has been the backbone of the pink salmon fishery in PWS, which until recently was one of the most valuable contributors to the regional economy. The current hatchery programs operated by PWSAC, the Valdez Fishery Development Association and the Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association are essential restoration tools to address the needs of commercial, sport and subsistence fisheries services damaged by the Exxon Valdez oil spill. These hatchery programs are critical to promoting recovery of populations of pink salmon, a species identified as "not recovering" in the Draft Restoration Plan.

Since the 1989 oil spill, PWSAC has exhausted its reserve funds and is now faced with the crisis of not having the resources to operate beyond June, 1994. Losing the economic benefits of the PWSAC hatchery program could easily be the final blow to the PWS fishing industry and to communities, like Cordova, which have local economies based on commercial fishing. CDFU urges the Trustee Council to approve funding of this proposal as a one-time, good faith effort to assist the people and communities which rely on healthy pink salmon fisheries.

The 1994 Draft Work Plan includes a number of additional fisheries related proposals for PWS, however CDFU does not feel that they deserve the priority of Projects 94320 (Ecosystem Study Plan) and 94421 (Common Property Salmon Stock Restoration). These projects merit consideration, but are of lower priority:

- 94137: Stock ID of Chum, Sockeye, Chinook and Coho in PWS
 - 94139: Salmon Instream Habitat and Stock Restoration
- 94192: Evaluation of Hatchery Straying on Wild Pinks in PWS
- 94241: Rockfish Management Plan Data Development
- 94259: Coghill Lake Sockeye Salmon Restoration
 - 94280: Spot Shrimp Survey and Juvenile Shrimp Habitat ID
- 94505: Habitat Protection Information for Anadromous Streams and Marbled Murrelets
- 94505A: Stream Habitat Assessment
- 94505C: Stream Channel Typing

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Finally, CDFU thanks the Trustee Council for pre-approving Project 94166, Herring Spawn Deposition and Reproductive Impairment. Initially, this was one of our highest priority projects due to the mounting evidence that herring populations in PWS are impaired and not recovering. We appreciate the Council's commitment to addressing the herring problem and encourage your support for the SEA plan which uses herring as a pathway for assessing the health of the PWS marine ecosystem.

CDFU appreciates the opportunity to comment on the 1994 Draft Work Plan and will be actively participating in future phases of the restoration planning process.

Sincerely,

CORDOVA DISTRICT FISHERMEN UNITED

Mary L. McBurney,

Executive Director

cc: Jim Ayers, Executive Director EVOS Trustee Council Senator Georgianna Lincoln Representative Harley Olberg City of Cordova

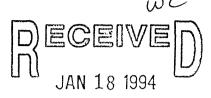
Howard Ferren P.O. Box 2603 Cordova, AK 99574 (907) 424-3823

January 12, 1994

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council 645 G Street Anchorage, AK 99501

Re: Draft 1994 Work Plan

Members of the EVOS Trustee Council:



EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL

As a resident of Cordova, corporate planner for Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation, regional planner for salmon enhancement as staff to the Prince William Sound/Copper River Regional Planning Team, oceanographer, and facilitator of the Fisheries Ecosystem Research Planning Group and the Sound Ecosystem Assessment (SEA) program and proposal, I ask for your attention to my request.

PWS is suffering, biologically, socially and economically. Since the <u>Exxon Valdez</u> oil spill, I have seen deterioration of the ecosystem, erosion of the social fabric in PWS which is build upon the natural resources of the region, and depletion of capital and revenue due to failing fisheries.

There are many, and perhaps valid, alternatives to rehabilitating, enhancing and replacing resources in PWS and other damaged areas related to EVOS. But in all good conscience, upon the high ground of moral fortitude and ethical justification, based upon objective evidence, statistical correlation and simple need, I request you attend to proposal 94421 (Common Property Salmon Stock Restoration) and the SEA research proposal.

With supportive decisions to fund these two proposals you will do more to investigate the problem, enlighten us all to solutions, provide replacements to lost services, involve the public in decision making and solution finding, and rectify past failings of Council than you may presently deem possible. Aspire as you will, but you will find a solution here far transcending decisions founded on political negotiation and money brokering. There is truth which you will see when cleared of the political and money fog. 370 - 4

We are all human. In your capacity, exercise this humanness and bring to light the true benefit and purpose for which the Trustee Council was formulated. There is a great human need here to progress into the future with a healthy ecosystem and a healed social and economic framework for PWS.

By this letter, I will ask you only once. Please support these proposals.

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January 14, 1994

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council 645 G Street Anchorage, AK 99501



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Members of the EVOS Trustee Council:

North Pacific Processors, Inc. (NPPI) would like to express its support for Project # 94421 - Common Property Salmon Stock Restoration, particularly as it applies to Prince William Sound and the work being done by the Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation.

NPPI is one of several major processors that depend on Prince William Sound (PWS) salmon as the major portion of its workload. Our plant alone employs about 250 people during the salmon season and our payroll for the last year (a disaster because of a very, very small pink salmon return) was about \$1.5 million. In years of "normal" abundance (1978-1988), pink salmon comprised nearly 80% of our yearly through-put. In 1992, PWS pinks accounted for less than 20% of our total tonnage and in 1993, PWS pinks accounted for 16%. Pink salmon are just as critical to the rest of the economy in our area as to processors.

There is no question that something is going on in Prince William Sound that no one understands. Since the 1989 oil spill, we have seen pink salmon runs that were large, late and low quality; runs that didn't seem to know where they were going; runs that were very small. It is time to find out what is going on in Prince William Sound before there are no salmon runs to worry about.

Please approve Project # 94421. The very survival of Cordova could depend upon it!

Sincerely,

Ken Roemhildt Superintendent

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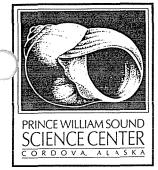
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January 14, 1994

Exxon Valdez Trustee Council 645 "G" Street Anchorage, AK 99501

RE:

Draft 1994 Workplan

Dear Trustees:

The PWS Science Center supports Projects 94184, 94185, 94187, 94189, 94191, and 189. 94192 (pink salmon), Project 94421 (hatcheries), Projects 94165 and 94166 (herring), and Projects 94064 and 94244 (harbor seals) as they are integral to Project 94320 (Ecosystem study plan). The proposal "Sound Ecosystem Assessement" (SEA), prepared by the Prince William Sound Fisheries Ecosystem Research Planning Group, has been submitted to you for funding through Project 94320.

In addition, to accomplish the most efficient ecosystem monitoring program in 1994, Project 94163 (forage fish) should be integrated with SEA and incorporated into Project 94320.

In 1995, killer whales, murres, sockeye salmon, marbled murrelets, Pigeon guillemots, bald eagles, cutthroat trout, Dolly Varden and rockfish studies should be added to and integrated into SEA. Synoptically, an intertidal component of SEA will need to be developed to interface the intertidal ecosystem, goldeneye, black oystercatchers, Harlequin ducks, sea otters, clams, mussels and other intertidal resource projects into the SEA production model.

There should also be a coordinated effort before the 1995 workplan to link research efforts in the oil spill impacted region among the Prince William Sound Science Center, the Prince William Sound Oil Spill Recovery Institute and the proposed North Pacific Marine Institute.

Thank you you requesting input.

Sincerely,

G.L. Thomas, Ph.D.

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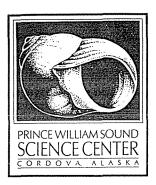
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January 14, 1994

Exxon Valdez Trustee Council 645 "G" Street Anchorage, AK 99501

RE: Project 94092 - Killer Whale Recovery Monitoring

Dear Trustees:

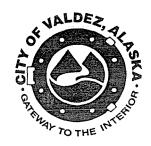
In response to your request for comments on Draft 94 workplans, I offer the following observations:

- 1) The killer whale monitoring project is important and the basic study plan deserves your support.
- 2) The cost of the project 94092, as proposed at \$163,100, is high. In 1993, we responded to an RFP from NOAA's National Marine Mammal Lab to do a similar project for photo-identification of all of the Killer whale pods in Prince William Sound, not just the AB pod as is proposed this year. Our proposal cost totalled \$71,407.
- 3) We support using local experts when they have the most experience working the animals, such as Craig Matkin who has collected data on Prince William Sound killer whales for over 14 years.
- 4) Using local experts makes it easier to maintain a local database that is open to the regional public. The Science Center can better facilitate science research and education programs in the region with such information.

Sincerely,

G.L. Thomas, Ph.D.

President



January 13, 1994



EXXON VALUEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council 645 G Street Anchorage, Alaska 99501

RE: Project #94421 -- Common Property Salmon Stock Restoration

Dear EVOS Trustee Council Member:

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I am writing in support of Project #94421, the request for Common Property Salmon Stock Restoration, which is before you in the Draft 1994 Work Plan.

Since the 1989 oil spill, the fisheries of Prince William Sound have been disrupted. Now it is clear this important economic mainstay is in distress and the outlook for the near term is very discouraging. This region has seen the returning common stock salmon return dwindle from a pre-1989 average of 22 million fish to a mere 10.5 million fish in 1992 and 7.0 million fish in 1993. While we seek answers to help explain this free fall in returning fish (while other salmon fisheries in other parts of the State are enjoying record or near record returns), the aquaculture programs in Prince William Sound need short-term support so that they may remain in business to help bring stability and enhancement to the fisheries of the region.

Without the hatcheries, the outlook long-term will resemble the gloom of the short-term. The region needs time to assess what has occurred in our ecosystem and plan programs to restore and replace lost fishery resources and services. The economic future of Prince William Sound will be dim indeed if hatcheries fail before a comprehensive stabilization and enhancement plan is developed. Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation and Valdez Fishery Development Association hatcheries are not around to be part of the solution to the problems our fisheries face, the legacy of the EXXON VALDEZ oil spill will be sad and long-lasting. I see no more appropriate use of EVOS funding than to prevent and erase a legacy of this kind.

I hope you will take positive action on this project and also consider paying additional hatchery debt to the State Aquaculture Revolving Loan Fund.

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council January 13, 1994 Page 2

Thank you for your consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

Doug Griffin City Manager

cc: Valdez Mayor John Harris
Valdez City Councilmembers
John McMullen, Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation
Dave Cobb, Valdez Fisheries Development Association

January 13, 1994

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council 645 "G" Street Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Trustee Council Members:

JAN 18 1994

EXXON VALUEZ OIL SPILL

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It is hard to believe that anything good or of lasting value could come of the Exxon Valdez oil spill. But I believe that the Alaska Sea Life Center could do something that Alaska has needed for a long time. It could provide a physical plant and equipment to study why so many species of our marine wildlife are dying out. It can also supply a place where sick animals can be taken to be made well and to be studied. 199-9

Because there has never been enough money the full potential for this kind of scientific activity has never been realized. Other things have taken higher priority which has probably been very foolish. That must be corrected, and you can play a crucial role in providing the funding to build the Center.

Research and rehabilitation are two very important priorities of the Alaska Sea Life Center--but it can also supply a needed resource for Alaskans--a place where we and our visitors can come and see our marine wildlife. Our children need to learn more about marine biology, about the animals and birds and fish that are so important to Alaska and the world.

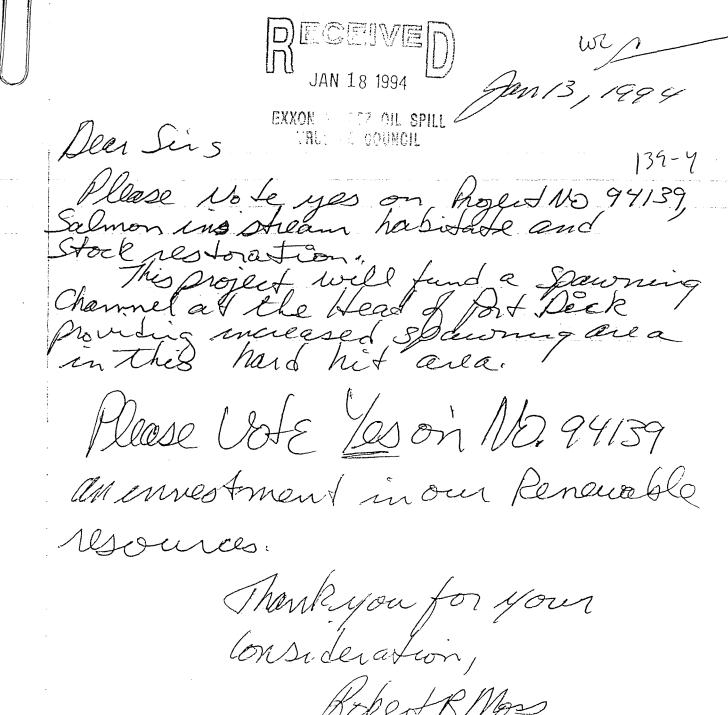
Please support and fund the project. Future generations will thank you.

Respectfully,

Meggin Dunham P.O. Box 2129

Seward, Alaska 99664

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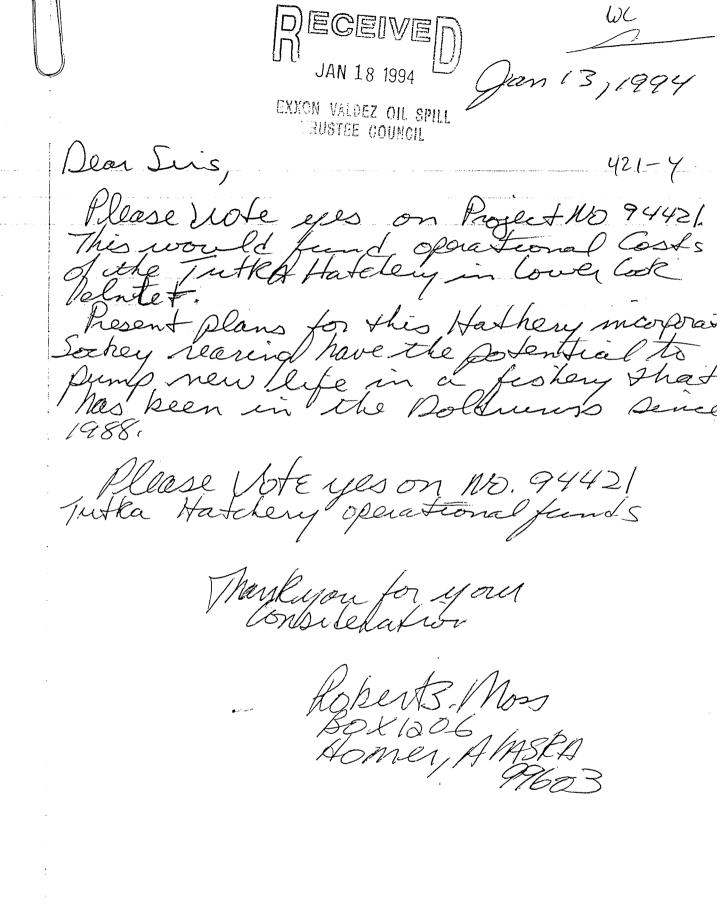




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Dear Council Trustees:

With regard to the 1994 Draft Work Plan for Restoration from the affects of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill of 1989 and specifically Projects No. 94345, 94421 and 94139 as they relate to Lower Cook Inlet and the outer Kenai Peninsula coast; As a commercial fisherman who earns his livlihood from the waters of the Kenai Peninsula, I strongly support the projects proposed for this area but would encourage you to consider the fact that our coastline was damaged second only to Prince William Sound U21but we have not received a proportionate amount of attention or consideration with regard to allocation of resources for restoration. As a matter of fact, we have received only token attention thus far because we are few in numbers and our voice has not been heard. I implore you to give our area equal consideration for meaningful projects and not to be moved by sheer numbers or political expediency alone.

I also disagree strongly with the conclusion that one may draw from reading Project No. 94345, in that it may suggest that our salmon stocks were not damaged because "persistent injury has not been documented for salmon in this area". I have fished this area many years prior to the spill and have unsuccessfully attempted to fish the outer coast since the spill. As this area has historically produced significant runs of wild chum and pink salmon on a consistent basis and since the oil spill has not produced harvestable surpluses for a single year, it is safe to say that the spill, if not totally, contributed to a major extent to the decline of our salmon stocks.

The residual damage to our fisheries habitat continues to be felt and can be minimized or mitigated through meaningful restoration activities. But it won't be of any benefit locally if projects are allocated for regional economic stimulation or political appeasement. I sincerely urge you to consider allocation of projects on an "actual damages / real needs" basis only. I submit that our area was heavily damaged and should receive priority consideration for assignment of restoration resources and allocation of projects.

Thank you for your time and effort you have devoted personally and collectivily to this most urgent task. We Alaska citizens are indebted to you for your selfless public service.

Sincerely,

Joseph R. Brunner

475 Rainbow Ave.

Homer, AK 99603

Additional Comments:

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Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council 645 G Street Anchorage, AK 99501

Attn: Draft 1994 Work Plan

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YOU CAN ALSO FAX YOUR COMMENTS TO:

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January 14, 1994 Box 436 Cordova, Alaska. 99574

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council

645 G Street

Anchorage, Alaska. 99501

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Dear Trustee Council Members:

EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL

I am amazed at the apparent lack of funding for Prince William Sound salmon restoration projects and the generosity the council seemingly is providing for areas that, by any comparison that a rational person could make, show little or no on-going damages. It boggles my mind that Kodiak could even be compared to Prince William Sound in terms of actual biological resource damages caused by the Exxon Valdez oil spill in 1989. Yet that is the conclusion that one must draw if the funding to date by the trustee council is any measure. In 1993, while Kodiak had one of the largest salmon production years in recent history, Prince William Sound salmon fisheries were in a state of total collapse— the PWS fishermen and related businesses dependent on healthy fish resources are in a state of despair and financial ruin caused by failed runs.!

Believe me, this is not simply empty rhetoric: As a commercial salmon fisherman in PWS for the past thirty years I have been able to successfully provide for my family; to provide employment for three sons and a daughter on our fishing boat which helped two boys to graduate from college, one son to be currently attending college, and our daughter to be attending Cordova high school. This all appears to be ending for me since as the salmon fishery in PWS has collapsed from the effects of the 1989 oil spill my ability to earn a living has been devastated.

I was active as a board member and served on the executive committee of the Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation during the early developmental years. It was the development of a viable aquaculture program in PWS that made this common property fishery resource a world class example of fishery enhancement philosophy and practice. Aside from a couple of vocal local fanatics, that attempt to blame all of the areas ills on the aquaculture program, the fishermen and user groups in PWS are proud of the achievements that were accomplished by PWSAC. If the destruction of the sounds resources since 1989 had not occurred, I have no doubt what-so-ever that PWSAC would currently be able to meet all of its obligations both to the user groups and to the State of Alaska.

The reality is, however, that these are desperate times for PWS thus we look with hope to the EVOS Trustee Council to do the right thing for PWS—for most user groups, and for the fishermen of the sound, it would be most appropriate to ensure the viability of the Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation.

Thank you for your attention to my letter.

C. Ros Mullins

Sincerely,

C. Ross Mullins

January 14, 1994 Box 436 Cordova, Alaska. 99574

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January 4, 1994

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council 645 G Street Anchorage, AK 99501

Re: Draft 1994 Work Plan

Members of the EVOS Trustee Council:

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Because of the extent of the economic hardship in the region, it is also appropriate to ask the EVOS Trustee Council funds to repay the PWSAC 427-7 debt to the State Aquaculture Revolving Loan Fund, in addition to the funding request for 1994.

Please help the resources and the people of Prince William Sound recover. C. Kon Millan

Thank you.

C. Ross Mullins.

Commercial Fisherman PWS.

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While salmon fisheries adjacent to Prince William Sound in Alaska produce fish in record numbers, in Prince William Sound, the area directly impacted by the massive 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill, there has been bizarre run timing and run failures since 1989. For a two year life cycle fish such as the Pink salmon this is disastrous. For the commercial fishermen who rely on the return of these fish it has meant economic catastrophe and imminent bankruptcy for many. The oil industry loudly proclaims that the oil is cleaned up and things are better than ever. Not to worry.

Some pundits suggest that colder weather is the culprit—not too likely since cold would not just single out PWS. Others blame the Sound's malaise on the hatchery developments—a convenient scapegoat, but not too convincing when you consider how well the system worked prior to the 1989 Exxon oil spill. So what could be the answer?

In my mind it is crystal clear. I was in the Sound in 1989 and watched millions of baby salmon dimpling the surface waters on quiet evenings, surface waters that were coated with a sheen of oil. I believe that this contact with oiled waters caused sub-lethal genetic damage in these newly emergent fry whether they came from hatchery or stream. These fish were to spend the next 3 to 5 months of their lives in the near-shore contaminated environment, feeding and growing, preparing for the trip to the open sea. The genetically damaged fish returned as adults in the summer of 1990 in reasonably normal numbers but with greatly altered run timing. The eggs from these genetic mutant fish were then deposited as small damaged time bombs in the stream gravel and hatchery incubators to develop over the 1990-91 winter, to emerge in the spring of 1991. They then fed around the margins of the Sound. Possibly the food supply was also damaged. These fish returned as the adult fish for the 1992 harvest. The 1992 run was a complete failure — the first genetically altered harvest from Exxon hell.

Likewise, the 1993 total Pink salmon run collapse can theoretically be linked back in a similar manner. The fish that should have returned for the 1993 harvest were the first generation offspring of parents that were also damaged genetically. This process of damage derived from adult salmon which returned in 1989, gave up their eggs in the fall of 1989 to hatcheries and oil impacted natural habitat, and whose fry then emerged in spring 1990. These fry from hatcheries (probably undamaged at that time), and the fry from stream and intertidal zones (many probably genetically damaged), remained for the next 3 to 5 months in the near—shore previously crude oil contaminated, bio-remediated, steam cleaned and signed-off environment. Searching for plankton for survival, and probably ingesting toxic substances, these fish likely received further genetic impact. The surviving fry finally headed for the open sea and returned as gene damaged adults for the 1991 harvest. It was the mutant offspring from the genetically damaged adult fish of 1991, that were not able to compete and survive in a competitive environment against healthy fish from unoiled areas of Alaska, that produced the 1993 worst yet run failure from Exxon hell.

Now, we know that the 1993 returns to Southeast were record breaking and that returns to Kodiak were much stronger than originally forecast. Sandwiched between these two areas is Prince William Sound where the 1993 return of fish was catastrophically below the predicted numbers. The only clear and certain variable that is not shared by these other fishing areas is the direct impact of the Exxon Valdez oil spill of March 24, 1989. To counter the bleak reality the oil industry increasingly bombards us with media hype saying that everything is better than ever. Before the oil pipeline was ever built Cordova fishermen demanded research on the effects oil would have on our salmon resource. Well the results are finally in. We have been the experiment, the Exxon fishery from Hell.

January 4, 1994

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council 645 G Street Anchorage, AK 99501

Re: Draft 1994 Work Plan

Members of the EVOS Trustee Council:

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Project 94199 - Alaska sealife center

Sincerely,

Michael & Cfta P.O. Box 84133

Fairbanks, AK 99708

PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, INC.

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Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council 645 G Street Anchorage, AK 99501

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Members of the EVOS Trustee Council:



EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE GOUNCIL

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Please help the resources, communities and the people of Prince William Sound recover. Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Paul Roetman Executive Director

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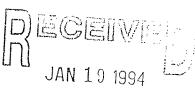


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January 14,1994

To:

Exxon Trustee Council

AWRTA From:

RE:

NOLS Leave No Trace proposal

AWRTA strongly supports the National Outdoor Leadership School's Leave No Trace project proposal. This educational program would benefit many recreational users and businesses adversely affected by the oil spill.

Sincerely,

Korri Ragan

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January 10, 1994

EVOS Trustee Council Jim Ayers, Chairman 645 G Street Anchorage, AK 99501 DECEIVED

EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL

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Mr Ayers:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I wrote to President Clinton in reguards to getting funding for scientific studies for Prince William Sound. You will also note the others whom I sent copies to. We can only hope the council will consider us in this matter. It is very important for the future of Prince William Sound.

Respectfully,

Wendell L. Jones

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January 8, 1994

President Bill Clinton White House Washington D.C. 20500

Re: Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council

Mr. President:

Last spring I watched a young robin fly against the glass of a window again and again. Realizing he was attacking his image, I hung a covering behind the window, as it was too high to cover from the outside, in attemp to dissolve the image being reflected. To no avail, as a few days later the body of the robin lay at the base of the building.

In the turmoil of decision making, one often searches for basic truths for guidance, such as wisdom, knowledge and love. The bible tells us that love is the greatest of these and I believe this to be true. These precepts I have tried to hold as a mental foundation in dealing with Exxon Valdez Oil Spill. I am a commercial fisherman in Prince William Sound, (PWS) but before that a Fish and Wildlife Protection Officer responsible for the same area. When the oil spill occurred I was hired by the State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation to fly PWS daily, tracking the progress of the oil movement and prevent oil dispersant from being mistakingly sprayed on herring. This and my following job kept me in the air for nearly all the daylight hours for the first four weeks of the spill. I say this to gain credibility for my observations.

Many changes have happened in PWS since that devastating day in March 1989. It has caused myself and many others great concern and prompted this letter being drafted at 4am on a sleepless night. If I a may sir, I would like to share these concerns with you.

There is much publicity within the media stating PWS is clean, healthy and all is well. Nothing could be further from the truth. There is genetic damage to the pink salmon, in documented reports by both Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game and NOAA. Our herring biomass has lost its' entire 1989 year class and was over 100,000 tons short of expected levels last spring. Our pink salmon run has gone from 25 million fish down to 6 million. The economy of PWS has been devastated. The migrating mammals that use PWS have either stopped using the Sound or do so in very small numbers.

I could go on for many pages concerning the damages but the main purpose of the letter is more important. That sir, is our failure to scientifically measure PWS when the oil pipeline was built, to establish a data base for evaluating such an occurance, as a spill, and what we are not doing now...to evaluate the long term effects of such an action. This is wrong and irresponsible. The world community is looking to us to lead them in knowledge and concern for our world environment and we are being found wanting.

It is not in our States' (Alaska) best interest, as we are budget dependent on oil nor our Governments' as we are energy dependent on oil, to require responsibility of the oil industry for their actions. The blockade of Valdez Narrows to tanker traffic last August was a desperate attempt by a desperate people to bring their plight before you and the Nation. Four years have gone by and the lack of action by the Trustee Council (EVOS) is very visible. A request for funding to study the basic ecosystems food chain will be presented to EVOS on January 31, 1994. If I may sir, request your input of concern in this matter and in requiring EXXON to be responsible to the people of PWS and Alaska. We are suffering an economic disaster from this spill and it is wrong.

The main concern is for our existance on earth as we know it. If the dependancy on oil or the greed for money overshadows our responsibility as stewards of this earth, then our existance shall have been for naught. Then perhaps we shall be gone as the robin and for no less cause than attacking an image and precieved notions of unreality. Reality is the delicate balance of Gods' creation, our living earth, that we are a very important part of. We have the ability to alter this balance like no other inhabitant. Therefore our responsibility is the greatest. How shall we measure up over time will determine our childrens existance and that of our world.

Once again please urge the EVOS council to fund the scientific study of the basic food chain ecosystem in PWS. EVOS will address this issue January 31, 1994. Also I would urge you to assist the people of PWS in requiring EXXON to deal with the devastating financial crisis they have brought upon this area.

Respectfully,

Wendell L. Jones

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cc: Vice President Al Gore Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbit Governor of Alaska Walter J. Hickle EVOS Trustee Council Chairman Jim Ayers Anchorage Daily News Editor, Howard Weaver

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Rhonda Berklund PDB 1425 Seward AK 99664





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There comments me directed to the proposed funding of the North Pacific Research Institute.

I Am in support of funds which can be used for conducting research and monitoring of the ecosystem affected by the 1989 spill. The expending of money to gain increased knowledge of the Prince william sound and the surrounding waters and the surrounding communities affected by the spill is a just use of the settlement money.

Patrick Reilly

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Dear Trustees

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I would like to whole heartedly endorse the Trustee Council's support of the marine life research center in Seward. The center will be an ideal partner to the existing University of Alaska marine. Science facility, will provide essential public education opportunities, and will ensure the preservation and Stability of this remarkable environment.

The Alaska Sea Life Center represents a comprehensive approach to the Solution to our environ mental problems, and will greatly Counteract the risks Created by modern industry.

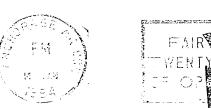
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Jan.13, 1994

Dear Exxon Valdez oil spill trustee Council,

I am Il years old and I am in fifth grade at Badger Road ele. School near fairbanks. I think that the Sea Life Center is wonderful idea. I believe that the Sea Life Center will help to educate the public on the ocean.

Sincerely, Charlotto a. Kline Charlotte A. Kline Additional Comments:

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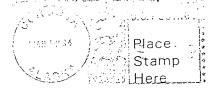
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Multiple Resource Projects for monitoring and research

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I would urge that all biologically related resource and service projects be brought under the umbrella of coordinated ecosystem studies. This will result in each study contributing not only to the recovery of specific resources, but also to the understanding of the system as a whole and the impacts of oil upon it. That knowledge is necessary to understand the effects that restoration efforts have, and to choose correctly among alternative restoration and management options.

However, settlement money does not have to be needlessly funneled into creating a new research facility in Seward to undertake this research. The spill impacted region already has research facilities in Cordova. The favorable scientific and public reviews generated by the Sound Ecosystem Assessment (SEA) plan developed in Cordova are clear evidence that excellent local scientific capabilities are already at hand and hard at work on the problems in the spill area. Money should be spent supporting or expanding existing facilities within the spill area, rather than creating new and redundant ones. 199-N

Sincerely,

David Scheel

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Robert D. Wiard Box 1631 Homer, AR 29603 Additional Comments:

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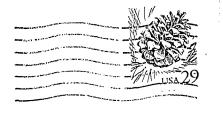
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EXXON VALDEZ OIL STILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL

Dear Trustees:

On behalf of the Prince William Sound Land Managers Recreation Planning Group, I am writing to offer general comments on the 1994 Restoration Plan.

We support implementation of projects that are consistent with the Memorandum of Understanding that established our group. From section IV of the MOU, the following goals are pertinent to several projects in the Restoration Plan:

- A. Increase the public awareness and appreciation of the marine-related opportunities associated with the Sound.
- D. Promote the protection, conservation, and understanding of the Sound's natural and cultural values. Advocate the maintenance of the wild and unique qualities and experiences that characterize the Sound.
- I. Support and encourage recreational uses, activities and developments that are environmentally safe and will ensure long-term maintenance of the environmental quality of the Sound.
- J. Promote and encourage the protection of native cultural resources throughout the Sound, through monitoring, education and enforcement of state and federal laws.

Projects that protect and conserve cultural resources, that restore areas important to recreation which were damaged by the spill or clean-up, and that promote responsible behavior among the recreating public would further these goals that are important to our members. Members of our group may also be submitting comments individually in support of specific projects.

Participating Members

Alaska Department of Natural Resources U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service Alaska Department of Fish and Game The Eyak Corporation Alaska Department of Transportation, Division of Marine Highways Chugach Alaska Corporation The Chenega Corporation The Tatitlek Corporation We would also like to encourage the Trustee Council to use the findings of the EVOS Recreation Planning Group in its deliberations. The priority project list is the result of an intense and comprehensive public involvement process. The priority list identifies work that can help restore recreation and tourism services dependent on the resources of the Sound, and restore and protect cultural resources damaged or at risk due to spill-related activities. These projects were developed and ranked by a cross-section of the public most directly concerned with management of the Sound.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Susan Rutherford

Sincerely,

Susan Rutherford

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The Eyak Corporation

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January 10, 1994

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RE: DRAFT 1994 WORK PLAN

Members of the EVOS Trustee Council:



EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL

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We are writing in support of EVOS Trustee Council funding for project number 94421, Common Property Salmon Stock Restoration, in the Draft 1994 Work Plan. In particular, we ask for full funding to maintain the existing salmon enhancement and restoration system operated in the Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation (PWSAC). 421 - 4

Prince William Sound salmon fisheries are distressed. During the ten years prior to 1989, the average return of all salmon to the PWS management region was 22 million fish. Total natural and hatchery salmon returns have dwindled to 10.5 million in 1992 and 7.0 million in 1993, in response to ecosystem changes that require further investigation. The damaged salmon resources and the lost services provided by those resources have heavily impacted all user groups. Revenues to PWSAC, primarily dependant on sales of returning fish, have fallen far short of what is necessary to maintain its restoration and enhancement efforts.

While the extent of short and long term damage to the Prince William Sound ecosystem is still being assessed, it is more important than ever to the people of the Sound that the salmon enhancement programs be maintained to both restore and replace these lost resources and services. The economic viability of the entire Prince William Sound region will be devastated if the hatchery system is allowed to fail during this period of distress. Especially for this area's commercial fisherman who will pay the bill if the hatchery system fails. 42.7-4

Please help the resources and the people of Prince William Sound recover. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL

Dear Council Members,

This is a letter of support for the "Leave No Trace Educational Program" component of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Restoration 1994 Work Plan. We feel this is an extremely important project and that it is essential it remains a part of the overall plan. $| \int | \textbf{A} - \textbf{Y} | \textbf{A} - \textbf{Y} | \textbf{A} - \textbf{Y} | \textbf{A} - \textbf{A} | \textbf{A} | \textbf{A} - \textbf{A} | \textbf{A} |$

Education plays a critical role in resource protection. Through the "Leave No Trace" program, thousands of potential users will better understand techniques that will minimize their use and protect sensitive areas from overuse and new use. The educational materials would be appropriate for a wide range of user groups, including spill response organizations. It will help to mitigate the damage done to beaches by the spill and the clean up by teaching appropriate techniques.

Further, we believe that the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) is in a unique position to carry out the program most effectively. NOLS has been an industry leader in this area and we wholeheartedly support their involvement in the project.

Respectfully,

President



January 14, 1994

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The following comments are offered on specific projects proposed in the 1994 Draft Work Plan.

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EYA 11, the core parcels of Eyak land remain a high priority for acquisition to the town and peoples of Cordova. Although it is understood that negotiations with Eyak Corporation have not been successful, it is hoped that an agreement will ultimately emerge for at least the core lands. Fee simple title is preferred rather than a conservation easement.

Although these parcels are identified as only a moderate priority, they are extremely important to the future of Cordova, both in terms of scenic attributes, and potential sources of water and electricity to the city.

EYA 02, EYA 03, and EYA 01 are properly identified as a high priority parcels, and I favor all opportunities to protect these acres.

Project 94320

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Ecosystem management studies in Prince William Sound are favored and desirable, providing that such studies are in fact ecosystem based, and not focused solely on narrow areas of interest. A great deal of interest has been directed at pink salmon and herring (which of course are designated injured species). It is important to not ignore the role that other fish species contribute to the economy and ecosystem of Prince William Sound.

In addition, ecosystem based studies should include all pertinent land ownerships within the sound, not just the marine environment. It is suggested that if this project is funded, a certain portion be earmarked for a comprehensive effort similar to SEA, to identify critical areas in the

terrestrial portions of the PWS ecosystem for addition research and/or study, and linkage to the marine portion of the study. Because the Forest Service is the dominant land manager in the sound, and has extensive research, management, and GIS expertise, either the Chugach National Forest, and/or Pacific Northwest Forest and Range Experiment Station (through the Copper River Delta Institute), should be considered as a lead agency in this effort.

Recreation and Tourism

Several projects are proposed in the arena of recreation and tourism, with varying linkages to the oil spill. In 1994, the U.S. Forest Service will begin operating a Information and Education site at the entrance to Valdez. focus of the displays and information will be not be oil spill related information. However, some oil spill related information (such as brochures) and a display could be presented on the oil spill and subsequent recovery, and sources of additional information, such as the Alyeska public display area and tours.

Some of the primary questions that the 200,000 visitors to Valdez bring with them has to do with the oil spill and recovery process.

Since the information and education site is already planned, the cost of additional materials would be minor. The linkage with the oil spill would be direct. It is suggested that serious consideration be given to contacting the Forest Service to fund such information at the site.

Thank you for considering these comments.

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EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL

Dear Trustees:

The Tatitlek Corporation supports the following projects for 1994, as outlined in the DRAFT 1994 WORK PLAN:

| PROJECT NUMBER 94083 - Y | PROJECT DESCRIPTION Monitoring of Oiled And Treated Shorelines |
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| 94086 - Y | Herring Bay Experimental and Monitoring Studies |
| 94070 - 3 | Restoration of High Intertidal FUCUS |
| 94090 - 🔾 | Mussel Beds Restoration and Monitoring |
| 94163 - 4 | Forage Fish Influence on Injured Species |
| 94165 - 7 | Herring Genetic stock Identification in PWS |
| 94166 - Y | Herring Spawn Deposition and Reproductive Impairment |
| 94184 — 丫 | Coded Wire Tag Recoveries from Pinks in PWS |
| 94185 4 | Coded Wire Tagging of Wild Pinks for Stock Identification |
| 94187 – Y | Otolith Marking - In Season Stock Separation |
| 94189 ~ Υ | Pink Salmon Stock Genetics in PWS |
| 94191 ~ Y | Oil Related Egg and Alevin Mortalities |
| 94192 - Y | Evaluation of Hatchery Straying on Wild Pinks in PWS |
| 94081 ~ Y | Recruitment Monitoring of Littleneck Clams |
| 94007 — 👸 | Site-specific Archeological Restoration |
| 94015 | Archeological Site-stewardship |
| 94386 - 7 | Artifact Repositories - Planning and Design |
| 94068 - Y | Deposit Sand to Promote Clam Recruitment |
| 94090 - Y | Mussel Beds Restoration and Monitoring |
| 94272 - Y | Chenega Chin∞k Release Program |
| 94279 - Y | Subsistence Food Safety Testing |

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| 94266 - Y 94137 - Y | Shoreline Assessment and Oil Removal Stock Identification of Chum, sockeye, Chinook and Coho Salmon in Prince William Sound |
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| 94139 - 4 | Salmon Instream Habitat and Stock Restoration |
| 94259 <i>-</i> Y | Coghill Lake Sockeye Salmon Restoration |
| 94280 - 7 | Sound Spot Shrimp and Juvenile Shrimp Habitat |
| Identification | |
| 94421 - Y | Common Stock Hatchery Restoration |
| 94217 - 4 | Prince William Sound Area Recreation Implementation Plan |
| 94200 - Y | Public Land Access and 17(b) Easement Identification |
| 94316 - Y | Shoreline Trash clean-up for Oil Spill Area |
| 94290 - Y | Hydrocarbon Data Analysis and Interpretation |

We believe all of the above listed projects to be important to the restoration effort, and strongly request that the Trustee Council provide funding for all of them for 1994.

Sincerely, The Tatitlek Corporation

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Members of the Council:

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Restoration, in the Draft 1994 Work Plan. Specifically,
I would like you to fully fund the maintain ence of the existing salmon enhancement and restoration system operated in Prince William Sound by P.W.S. Agua - culture Corporation.

Unquestionably, Prince William Sound salmon fisheries are in poor condition. I'm sure by you have seen the data showing fishery conditions before and after the Exxon Valder oil spill. As a Prince William Sound gillnetter since 1978, I have seen many ups and downs in the fishery, but clearly none of this magnitude. Helping to make the problem worse is the increasing reliance of the fleets on hatchery produced fish. If the hatchery system is allowed to fail at this time, the result will widespread economic and social distress.

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Please help the Prince William Sound Agnaculture
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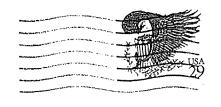
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Council Members!

As a Cook Inlet Drift Fisherman since 1986, I would hike to

express my support of the following
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I would like to express my support for the inclusion of Project 94199 Alaska Sea Life Center in the Exxon Valdey Oil Spill Restoration 1994 Work Plan. With the many miles of Coastline surrounding Alaska this type of research, rehabilitation, and educational facility is long overdue.

Sincerely,

Brendie I Dumminger

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MR. & MRS. ROBERT F. GUMMINGER HC 32, Box 6883, Wasilla, AK 99654





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Linda Bilmain HC 83 Box 1653 Eagle River, Alc 99577

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.

SINCEPELY, J. IVAN CEBALLOS P.O. BOX 20 1247 ANCHOROGE, AK

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TO: THE EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEES COUNCIL,

I am writing to express my firm belief that funding for the Alaska SEA LIFE CENTER, PROJECT # 94199, IS CRITICAL TO THE MONITORING AND RESEARCH NECESSARY FOR OIL SPILL RESTORATION.

I WAS HERE, IN SEWARD, WHEN THE EXXONOIL SPILL OCURRED AND WITNESSED FIRST HAND WHAT THE LACK OF KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION AND LACK OF READINESS DID TO FURTHER COMPOUND THIS TRAGIC EVENT.

I AM NOT SPEAKING ABOUT THE LACK OF SUPPORT IN TERMS OF CONTAINMENT AND OIL SPILL RECOVERY EQUIPMENT AND EFFORTS, I AM SPEAKIN ABOUT THE LACK OF INFORMATION AND SUPPORT IN DEALING WITH THE SUBSURFACE ECO-SYSTEMS, THE TIDES AND CURRENTS, THE SENSELESS DEATHS OF THOUSANDS OF BIRDS, MAMMALS, FISH AND OTHER ANIMALS BECAUSE NO FACILITY EXISTED TO DEAL WITH AMY OF THESE SPILL RELATED SIDE EFFECTS

AN EXCEPTION WAS INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA INSTITUTE OF MARINE SCIENCE, LOCATED HERE IN SEWARD, DEALING WITH CURRENTS AND THE PREDICTION OF WHERE AND HOW FAR THE OIL WOULD - AND DID-SPREAD.

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ARE WE TO LET THESE AND OTHER ODDITIES REMAIN JUST THAT - UNEXPLAINED PHENOMENON - NOT KNOW THE RAMIFICATIONS - FACE AN EVEN BIGGER CRISIS LATER

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA INSTITLITE OF MARINE SCIENCE IS ALREADY LOCATED SEWARD. THEIR EFFORTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO MARINE SCIENCE AND RESEARCH BE COMMENDED. THE ALASKA SEALIFE CENTER HAS THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE UNIVERS IT WILL WORK IN CONJUNCTION WITH THEM AND ENHANCE THEIR ABILITY. WELL AS OTHERS, TO EFFECTIVELY MONITOR AND STUDY MARINE ECOSYST AND CONCERNS.

THE EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL WAS INDEED A TRAGIC EVENT AND ONE WILL NEVER FORGET. WE SHOULDN'T FOOL OURSELVES INTO BELIEVING ANOTHER SPILL OF LESSER OR GREATER MAGNITUDE WILL NOT OCCUR AT SOME TIME IN OUR FUTURE. PURCHASING TREES WILL DO ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO HELP US LEARN ANY LESSONS OR HELP US UNDERSTAND ANYMORE ABOUT MARINE ECOSYSTEMS THAN WE KNOW RIGHT NOW... WHICH WAS PROVEN IS VERY LITTLE COMPARED TO WHAT WE SHOULD AND TRUELY NEED TO KNOW.

KNOWLEDGE IS THE TRUE POWER AND DRIVING FORCE TO OUR FUTURE. IT IS MY HOPE YOU AGREE FUNDING FOR THE ALASKA SEA LIFE CENTER, PROJECT #94199, NOT ONLY MEETS THE CRITERIA, IT IS THE WISEST APPROPRIATION OF FUNDING FOR OUR FUTURE.

THANKYOU FOR TIME, EFFORTS AND CONSIDERATION.

SINCERELY MARY HART P.U. BOX 2875 SEWARD, AK 99664

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is hecessary that the State has the facilities and hersonel to of marine scalife in event of another or hatmal disaster ailshill

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4.) Possible location for international and global meetings in regard to making life and research.

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Dear Members of the Council,

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EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL
TRUSTEE COUNCIL

NorQuest Seafoods is the owner and operator of the Silver Lining Seafoods processing facility in Cordova, Alaska (formerly the Copper River Fishermen's Coop). I am writing in support of EVOS Trustee Council funding for Project Number 94421, Common Property Salmon Stock Restoration, in the draft work plan. In particular, I request that EVOS provide full funding to maintain the existing salmon enhancement and restoration system operated in the Prince William Sound bioregion by the Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation.

While the extent of the short and long term damage to the PWS ecosystem is till being assessed, it is more important than ever to the people of the Sound that the salmon enhancement programs be maintained. In order to return the Sound to the economic viability it enjoyed prior to the Exxon Valdez incident, we must replace and restore the salmon resources. PWSAC is a vital component in that restoration project, and should it fail it will have disastrous long term impacts on the Sound and the people who depend upon it. PSWAC needs your support for the short term needs and to repay its long term debt to the State of Alaska Aquaculture Revolving Loan Fund.

Prince William Sound for many years provided a source of salmon resources for the people of the Sound. It now needs your help to be able to do that again.

Terry Gardiner

President

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As a Life Long Resident of the Sound I feel the Restoration of OUR Depressed AND Destressed Salmon Stocks TO Be of Vital Importance to the Sound AND ITS RESidents.

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IAN 14 1994 EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL Dear Jixs: My wife & I are drift not fisherwer in Cook Inlet. This will be my 30 the year + We strongly support the following Kenai River Salmon (50ckeya) salmon restoration soprects:

Project 94504, Genetic Stock Schentification of
the Kenai River Sockeye 255-4
Project 94255, Kenai River Salmon (50 Keye) Restoration Project 94258, Sockers Salvan Overescapement

We have seen the ever increasing pressure of people + industry on the productive bealth of all Kener Kenuseela stream + ruen - especially the Kousi. as long time cook Julet commerced fisher wer, we are concerned + alarmed by the EXXON oil Ipill effects upon our fishery. It has a direct financial inpart on our family of four who depend upon the health of the Rucia River productive output. 130x 55308 North Poke, AK

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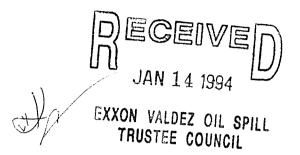
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Please help the resources and the people of Prince William Sound recover. Thank you.

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Kai Clancy P.O. Box 1595 Seward, AK 99664

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Dear Trustees:

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EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL

This letter is in support of the Alaska Sea Life Center project, (94199). TRUSTEE COUNCIL

I think that education is the key to lessening the effects of tragedies such as the 1989 oil spill that brought the attention of the world to Alaska. That education includes scientific studies of marine ecosystems and public education about our oceans and shores.

The SeaLife Center project promises the hope that we may learn enough about marine mammals, sea birds and fish to forecast what might happen to them in the future, and to figure out why they are declining now. It also promises a facility that can treat animals that have been impacted by oil spills and other circumstances that harm them. It can also supply a place where Alaskans and others can learn about our marine environment.

The proposed site of the SeaLife Center is uniquely suited to scientific study. There is deep, pure water abundantly available, there is ample space for it on donated land, and the University Institute of Marine Science is right next door.

I do feel the Alaska Sea Life Center is the best use of oil spill settlement funds. And though I feel that land and timber aquisition is totally useless as far as their possible impact on marine mammals, fish and birds is concerned I am not asking that money not be spent on those projects, so I am very annoyed that supporters of have spoken out against the Sea Life Center. Those people are short-sighted and have some romantic view of Alaska returning to what it was before they came here.

Please give your support to and fund the Alaska Sea Life Center project.

Sincerely,

Kai Clancy

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Dear Trustees:

I have had the opportunity to visit Scripps Institute of Oceanography, the Long Labs at Santa Cruz, California, and other marine science facilities, and to get behind the scenes and see how they work. I firmly believe that the Alaska SeaLife Center (Project 94199), could become as important to Alaska as those facilities are to their areas.

Alaska has long needed a facility with the scope of Scripps and Woods Hole, but there has never been the money to accomplish this. I firmly believe that the best use of the money derived from the tratic Exxon-Valdez oil spill would be to fund the building of a Scripps/Woods Hole. We need to know more about our marine ecosystems so that we may enhance our fisheries--find out why stocks dwindle in certain areas at certain times. Are they related to pollution?

Alaska will soon be feeling the effects of less oil production, just as we are now suffering the effects of the decline in per barrel price of oil. It is increasingly important that we find alternatives to oil revenue, and to find ways to enhance the financial impact of our fisheries industry. That can only be done by scientific research.

We must learn why sea lion populations and sea bird populations are in trouble. If we do not more and more species will be placed on the endangered lists and fishermen will have to forage farther and farther from the rookeries. Eventually even the day tour visits into Prince William Sound and Kenai Fjords National Park may have to be halted because the birds and sea mammals will have to be more drastically protected in their breeding and nesting areas. We could in effect lose the very industries that might possibly fill some of the financial burden that oil has represented for the past 20 years.

The projected scope of the SeaLife Center closely matches what is needed to study these creatures. The project has the full support of the University of Alaska, in fact the president of the University himself appeared at a meeting earlier this month to urge that funding be approved for the Center. It isn't often that university presidents appear themselves in support of a project, that is usually left to others. Certainly this measure of support on his behalf is significant and deserves attention.

It is also significant that Dr. Spies has endorsed the Alaska SeaLife Center project. Too often the Trustees have been

criticised for not following the advice of their own scientific advisors. In this case you will have done just that--approved a project that is a priority with Dr. Spies.

The Alaska SeaLife Center will sit in a prime area for marine studies--next to the existing University of Alaska Institute of Marine Science, right on the waterfront on land donated by the City of Seward. Water off the dock is over 200 feet deep and pure, high with nutrients. Just beyond the entrance to Resurrection Bay lies Kenai Fjords National Park and some two dozen sea mammal and bird rookeries.

In addition the Center can provide a place where stranded animals can be studied, treated, and returned to the wild. If such a facility had been in place during the hectic days following the Exxon-Valdez spill, creatures could have been treated while in the early stages of distress rather than waiting until they were nearly dead. Also, all the known data on treatment for various kinds of stress to animals could be located in one place, ready to respond to any kind of emergency.

Lastly, I find no fault with the center being able to support itself through public education and public viewing. Scripps and Long Labs have paid public viewing that supports their programs. Other scientific facilities have public viewing for that purpose. The capacity to educate the public about the sea and the life it supports is of critical importance if we are to have a human population that respects and nurtures its wildlife.

Again, I urge you to approve funding for the Alaska SeaLife Center. It will be a lasting legacy of the work you are doing.

Sincerely,

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Alaska has some 36,000 miles of coastline, more than all the other states put together. Yet states like Nebraska and several other inland states are able to do more in marine research than Alaska does. I think that the SeaLife Center could enhance the efforts of the existing University of Alaska Institute of Marine Science (with its shore station in Seward), and bring Alaska into the new century prepared to learn about the sea, protect its lifeforms, and make this state more able to support itself when the oil money is gone.

I like the idea that stranded animals can be brought to a facility where they can be treated and studied at the same time, and then can be returned to the wild,

Thank you, and again, I ask that you approve funding for Project-94199. I think it most closely represents what Alaska and its creatures need.

Sincerely,

Cindy Dunham

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I would like to write in favor of Project 94199. I believe that it represents the best use of oil spill settlement funds. I grew up in Southcentral Alaska and have lived and worked in several areas impacted by the Exxon Valdez oil spill. I really care about the future of the ecosystems of Alaska.

Merely buying up timber and real estate is not going to help us in any way if (really when) another disaster happens. We need IN PLACE, facilities and personnel, who have the capability of predicting where a spill might go, how best to try to clean up a spill (or whether cleaning is the answer at all), and how to treat animals that have been harmed.

Things that could be studied right now include: why are the shells of seabirds so fragile right now?, why are the populations of Stellar sea lions dwindling?, why are other species of birds, sea mammals and fish dwindling? We know that some of these things were happening or began happening even before the pil spill, but some were certainly worsened by the catastrophe.

I am not an "Alaska-Come-Lately" who knows all the answers to Alaska's problems, but I do know that we have an obligation to find out as much as we can to enable us to work toward enhancing the health and well-being of those birds, sea mammals and fish. The oil production business is winding down and our financial picture in Alaska is darkening. For those reasons I think it is a good thing that the 94199 project will be able to support itself as well as endow chairs to support further learning.

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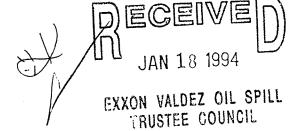
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January 14, 1994

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Our group represents fishermen that participate in fisheries throughout the state. Many of our members fish in both the salmon and herring fisheries in Kodiak, Prince William Sound and Cook Inlet. It is at their request that we are submitting these comments on the 1994 Draft Work Plan.

We support the following projects:

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Project 94345. Research in Lower Cook Inlet (LCI) is needed to determine the streamlife of returning adult pink salmon. These stocks of the Outer District in Lower Cook Inlet are at historic low levels. Monitoring is necessary to facilitate their recovery.

Project 94421. Due to the oil spill, hatchery returns in PWS and YD/-Y LCI have declined substantially. Operations of the hatcheries are assured by cost recovery sales of returning adults. Presently those returns are too low to fund hatchery operations and hatchery closures are iminent. Adult returns are beginning to increase and funding of the hatcheries will assure their continued operation as the survival rate return to normal levels. We support funding for Tutka Hatchery and PWSACC hatcheries.

Project 94259. These projects will increase the spawning habitat of proven salmon streams in the spill area. It will help mitigate the damages in the intertidal zones that many of the salmon utilize for spawning.

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Projects 94258,94255,94504. Researching damage and improving 258-4 management of the Kenai River Stocks will benefit many residents 255-4 and fishermen in Alaska. These projects must be funded to 504-4 restore the Kenai River Sockeye to prespill levels.

Projects 94163,94165,9416. The 1993 herring season was a 163^{-6} disaster, and all indications point to EVOS as the primary contributor either directly or through prey mortality. This is an important fishery to many of our members and an understanding 166^{-6} of the problems and solutions is critical.

Projects 94184,94185,94187,94189,94191,94192. These projects will 84-9 help determine the extent of damages to pink salmon in PWS. Recovery of hatchery stocks may be faster than natural recovery; management of low resident stocks will be a difficult job for 87-9 state fishery managers. Research into stock separation and 89-9 identification will make management simpler. Furthermore research in PWS will be applicable to other spill areas and there will be greater benefit.

Project 94241 Rockfish management is difficult due to their slow growth rate and longevity. The oil spill has had an impact on the populations of rockfish and better data is necessary to determine harvest rates so these species are not overfished.

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In general our organization is in favor of continued research into the effects of EVOS on sealife resources. We do believe that the time has come to increase the priority of restoration of damaged resources and the monitoring of their recovery.

We are opposed to the following project.

Project 94199. Alaska Sea Life Center. This project is 199-N closely tied with funds that are dedicated to a more tourist oriented facility. Funding amounts must be established to better evaluate the benefit to cost aspect of this project. Originally the amount of money needed was far too high to justify its expenditure on a facility of such limited use. We believe that the purpose of these funds will be inseparable from the tourist oriented portion of the facility and it will lose its research priority. In addition funds of this amount should be utilized to restore damaged resources and private funds should be used to establish a tourist facility.

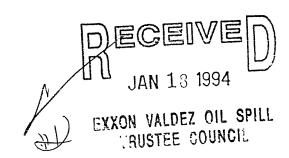
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I would like to submit the following comments on several projects in the 1994 Work Plan.

Project 94345 Salmon Spawning Escapement Lower Kenai Peninsula. 30 Little has been done to determine the damage done to salmon streams, habitat and long term effects of the EVOS in Lower Cook Inlet. This research to more accurately pinpoint stream life of returning adult salmon and calibrate aerial survey data is necessary. It will help determine why salmon runs on the outer Kenai coast are failing. I support this project.

Project94421 Common Stock Hatchery Restoration.

EVOS has been determined to have had detrimental effects on pink (3) -

Project 94259 Salmon Instream Habitat and Stock Restoration In Lower Cook Inlet the outer Kenai Peninsula was heavily impacted by EVOS. Much of the prime spawning area was inundated by weathered oil which attached itself to the bottom. Because salmon in the area utilize intertidal areas as spawning habitat damage has occurred that is not easily quantified. One of the projects in this group would increase spawning area by creating a spawning channel in Port Dick. Pink and Chum salmon returns have fallen dramatically in the past few years. The average odd year harvest(pre EVOS) for the past 15 years for pinks in Port Dick is 505,000 fish. In 1993 the harvest of pinks was 27,000 fish. For chums in Port Dick pre EVOS the 15 year average harvest was 20,700 and the harvest for 1993 was 970 fish. There is something significantly wrong in this area. This project will help in restoring the salmon stocks in Port Dick.

Projects 94258,94255,94504 Kenai River Sockeye research 355-% I support all of these projects. Overescapement is the primary 509-% cause of the decline of sockeye stocks in the Kenai River.

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Research into the recovery rate and the management of mixed fishery stocks will accelerate the recovery of the Kenai River 166 This will benefit commercial, sport and subsistence sockeye. fishermen.

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Projects relating to Pink salmon and herring research in PWS should also be funded. This research will also benefit effected salmon and Herring stocks throughout the spill area.

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In addition, projects that research damaged populations of birds and mammals will also provide valuable data. Habitat acquisition is also an important part of the restoration of all damaged species.

199-N Project 94199 Alaska Sea Life Center I am opposed to this project. Even with the re-write of this project it is still tourist oriented. The actual value of a location for logistical support is just a smokescreen to acquire The original funding request was far too high and now there is not a definite amount of money requested. If there is not an actual plan or funding amount, this plan should be rejected and not funded. This is a very large sum of money to allocate to one project that has poorly defined objectives that

are contrary to the use of EVOS funds. The EVOS funds must be used to restore damaged resources and not to create jobs and economic benefit.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely yours

Chris Hoss Box 1115

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Katherine G Halgren 167 NW 73rd street Seattle, WA. 98117-4850 January 14, 1994

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I applaud your approval last September of Project 94320 for 320-9 planning an Ecosystem Study in Prince William Sound. I hope you will continue your support by approving Project 94147 Comprehensive Monitoring Program.

I believe approval of Project 94266 Shoreline Assessment and Oil Removal is critical to the recovery of the Region.

While the ecosystem is being studied and residual oil is assessed and removed I would like to see the Trustee Council approve 163-7 Projects 94163, 94165, 94166, studies related to Pacific Herring; 165-7 Projects 94163, 94184, 94185, 94187, 98189, 94191, 94192 relating 166-7 to Pink Salmon; Projects 94137, 94139, 94259, 94280, 94345, 94421 184-7 for Commercial Fisheries.

The distressed fisheries have had an impact that reaches much further than the Public Non Profit Aquaculture Corporations. The effects are also felt by the fishermen, Commercial as well as Sport, Subsistence, and Personal Use. The communities, from the people who process the fish; to the suppliers of services, gear, and groceries; to the citizens whose cities have lost seafood processing companies due to bankruptcy; residents due to lack of employment opportunities; and revenues due to the dramatic drop in raw fish tax, also feel the devastation.

One hope the people have to hang onto is that the salmon enhancement programs will be able to restore and replace the lost resources. In order to accomplish this recovery of the region, the Aquaculture Corporations must have assistance through these difficult times just to maintain their current programs. The budgets have been cut to bare bones, and then cut more. The lack of scheduled maintenance is going to be severely felt in the future because of cuts already executed. Loan and interest payments have been deferred. The quality of programs has been at risk because of the extreme budget cuts. Now, the basic existence of enhancement programs are quite seriously threatened. It would be a crime to allow the Aquaculture Corporations to go bankrupt like some of the Cordova seafood processors, related businesses and fishermen already have since 1989.

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Please help these Aquaculture Corporations by approving Project 94421 and in any other way you can while investigating the cause and solutions to these disturbing changes the region is experiencing. Please continue to support any proposed research to help better understand the ecosystem of Prince William Sound.

The most cost effective way to address residual oil is to leave it on the beaches. I believe its removal to encompasses more than Subsistence and Recreation Resources. I believe residual oil effects the birds both migrating and local, the terrestrial mammals, and marine life whenever there is a wind and tide similar to the one that originally put the oil on the beach. I would like the trustees to encourage future proposals that would remove or reduce residual oil when the technology becomes available.

Thank You

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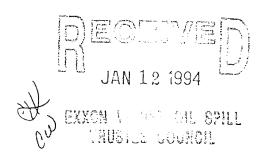
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Members of the EVOS Trustee Council:



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I am writing in support of EVOS Trustee Council funding for Project Number 94421, Common Property Salmon Stock Restoration, in the Draft 1994 Work Plan. In particular, I ask for full funding to maintain the existing salmon enhancement and restoration system operated in the Prince William bioregion by the Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation (PWSAC).

Prince William Sound salmon fisheries are distressed. During the ten years prior to 1989, the average annual return of all salmon the PWS management region was 22 million fish. Total natural and hatchery salmon returns have dwindled to 10.5 million in 1992 and 7.0 million in 1993, in response to ecosystem changes that require further investigation. The damaged salmon resources and the lost services provided by these resources have heavily impacted all user groups. Revenues to PWSAC, primarily dependent on sales of returning fish, have fallen far short of what is necessary to maintain its restoration and enhancement efforts.

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Please help the resources and the people of Prince William Sound recover. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Wendell L. Jones, Seiner/Gillnetter PWS

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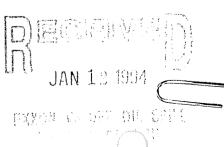




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Dear Council Trustees:

With regard to the 1994 Draft Work Plan for Restoration from the affects of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill of 1989 and specifically Projects No. 94345, 94421 and 94139 as they relate to Lower Cook Inlet and the outer Kenai Peninsula coast; As a commercial fisherman who earns his livlihood from the waters of the Kenai Peninsula, I strongly support the projects proposed for this area but would encourage you to consider the fact that our coastline was damaged second only to Prince William Sound but we have not received a proportionate amount of attention or consideration with regard to allocation of resources for restoration. As a matter of fact, we have received only token attention thus far because we are few in numbers and our voice has not been heard. I implore you to give our area equal consideration for meaningful projects and not to be moved by sheer numbers or political expediency alone.

I also disagree strongly with the conclusion that one may draw from reading Project No. 94345, in that it may suggest that our salmon stocks were not damaged because "persistent injury has not been documented for salmon in this area". I have fished this area many years prior to the spill and have unsuccessfully attempted to fish the outer coast since the spill. As this area has historically produced significant runs of wild chum and pink salmon on a consistent basis and since the oil spill has not produced harvestable surpluses for a single year, it is safe to say that the spill, if not totally, contributed to a major extent to the decline of our salmon stocks.

The residual damage to our fisheries habitat continues to be felt and can be minimized or mitigated through meaningful restoration activities. But it won't be of any benefit locally if projects are allocated for regional economic stimulation or political appearement. I sincerely urge you to consider allocation of projects on an "actual damages / real needs" basis only. I submit that our area was heavily damaged and should receive priority consideration for assignment of restoration resources and allocation of projects.

Thank you for your time and effort you have devoted personally and collectivily to this most urgent task. We Alaska citizens are indebted to you for your selfless public service.

Sincerely,

Joseph R. Brunner

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The USFS + ARF+6 have been doing projects for years-based on best prefessional knowledge. Thy don't study it to death. They do monitor after the project, but the gray you're going you'll be out of money before you forms actually do the project + certainly not have money to monitor your results. So get out there + do something. To quote Teldy Roosevelt It is not the entire who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. credit belongs the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marriedly dust so tholood; who strives valiantly; who errs + comes short as ain + again; because There is effort without error + short comings 6-T who actually strives to do the deeds."

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I continue to be appalled by the small percentage of the actually spent on restoration. Despite your listing of projects in the General Restoration Project (Table 2) it is apparent most are truely monitoring or continuing studies. I started figuring the to of projects which restore, enhance, rehabilitate oracquire equivalent resources " to quote your own document but it was too depressing-depressingly to IT is quite clear this money is being used by sencies + contractors to pay for pet studies - studies which are not helping restore The oil spill area in the slightest wan. Sure, they could be used eventually to be a suse of info for restoration projects 67 here we are 1994 - L. - LARS after the spill + you are still spending the vast majority on straine. or administration (5.5 million on administration?!! 16% of the bro 120% is generally Felt to be excessive overhead. And this 16% doesn't cover the overhead in each project! Really, spon should be embairassed. He, I'm arg-4. I f I had to money or was a lawyer, Idsue, This is misappropriation of funds. You should be spending a much higher percentage of available funds on True restoration on the ground projects that really do something. And no, you cannot asset that no need to study the situation 15th hand accorded such as

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Shank you for realizing that the proposed Seward Sea Life Center is really a zoo + gift shop risnot focused on research.

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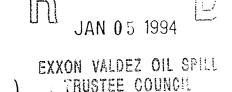
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To whom it may concern:



Thank you for the opportunity to respond with comment to the Draft 1994 Work Plan. The information sent out was very well organized. Although I work within a funded restoration project, I am now commenting as a private individual.

All the archaeologic projects are good projects.

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Project 94083, Monitoring of Oiled and Treated Shorelines. This sounds a lot like 94266. Can they be combined?

Project 94090, Mussel Beds Restoration and Monitoring. This is a good project because it will help clean a resource at the base of the food chain.

Project 94187, Otolith Marking, and Project 94189, Pink Salmon Stock Genetics in PWS. Both of these should be funded fully by ADF&G because they are under the category of general agency 189. Management. The later project is a stretch for any restoration funding.

Project 94241, Rockfish Management Plan Data Development. This 241-should be normal agency management and not funded under the civil settlement.

On page 27 under Protect Subsistence Resources, habitat protection and acquisition <u>may</u> benefit subsistence resources. This process will not be of benefit in all cases.

Project 94259, Coghill Lake Sockeye Salmon Restoration. This project concerns me because it sets the stage for other increased fish production projects with weak links to injury. I see some resulting value in this project, but its presentation is intentionally misleading. The natural productivity of Coghill Lake will not be restored, it will be altered. Coghill Lake is at its natural productivity level now. By fertilizing, this project will increase the lake's productivity to un-natural levels.

Project 94345, Salmon Spawning Escapement on the Lower Kenai Peninsula. This project may improve management of the salmon in 345 ~N this area, but this action suggested should be funded by ADF&G as part of their regular management activity. They have done this sort of management in the past, with this being merely an improvement in their technique and equipment. The benefit to restoration would be minimal compared to the benefit to normal agency management of ADF&G.

Project 94421, Common Stock Hatchery Restoration. Even before the spill, fish returns have had major variations in returns. Until 42 the reason for the poor fish returns can be definitely linked to the spill, funding fish hatcheries would be an illegal expenditure of the civil settlement. Much of the reason for loss of revenues at the hatcheries results from a decrease in demand and price for salmon on the world market. The Trustees would be lured into being a yearly funding source for the hatcheries to keep the commercial fishermen profitable. An alternative, which will bring hardship to some, would be to let the level of hatchery output drop along with the size of the commercial fishing fleet. This would be a more natural relationship which is more likely to be supported by the ecosystem in the long run.

The recreation projects listed all have merit for restoration 217-19 either of recreation service or other resources affected by recreation use. Project 94217 should be funded in order to get the final report. The last three projects under Other Recreation Projects on page 31 were the direct result of public consensus of support established under 93065/94217.

Project 94200, Public Land Access and 17(b) Easement Identification. There seems to be some confusion with this project. I have heard that the USFS is going to do this in the next summer out funded by their own sources. If this is the case, there is no need to fund this project. This fact needs to be substantiated before this project is funded. The objectives of the project are useful to restoring the service of recreation although it does nothing for the recovering natural resources.

Project 94216, Gulf of Alaska Recreation Plan Development. Although this project was originally assigned to DOI,NPS as lead agency, there is little support from their lead personnel to complete this project. If this project is funded, it should be done by an agency willing to accomplish the objectives. The objectives are worthy to complete by some process.

Project 94417, Waste Oil Disposal Facilities. Although the waste oil is not from the oil spill, the benefit to the recovering 417- γ species is great. Prevention of any further impact on the recovering species will be a beneficial restoration tool. This can be combined with education to accomplish the objectives. If this does not get funded through the civil settlement, this should be funded by existing agencies.

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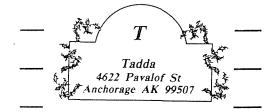
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To whom it may concern;

Since the 1989 oil Spill there has been a drawatic decline in Salmon production in Lower Cook inlet. I support products 94345 94421 and 94139 in hopes of getting this district back to where it once was.

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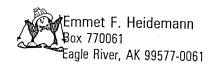
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Because of the extent of the economic hardship in the region, it is also appropriate to ask the EVOS Trustee Council funds to repay the $\# \mathcal{D} = \mathcal{V}$ PWSAC debt to the State Aquaculture Revolving Loan Fund, in addition to the funding request for 1994.

As a member of several user groups in both PWS and CI, I ask you no please help the resources and the peoples of these areas recover. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Arne A. Hatch Hatch Brothers P.O. Box 346 Seward, AK 99664





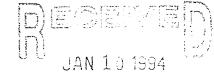
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January 4, 1994

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council 645 "G" St. Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Council Members:

Thank you for an opportunity to respond to your Draft 1994 Work Plan. I attended the Prince William Sound Ecosystem Study Plan Workshop in Cordova on December 4-6, 1993; hence I am interested in the projects proposed for funding.

First, I received only the abridged version on the Work Flan. Since I will gone all next week I'll not have time to review individual projects and respond to you by January 14. Therefore it is impossible to scientifically evaluate any of the projects.

I was struck by the large number and high cost of many proposed projects. Some, such as Project 94199, the Sea Life Center in Seward, would seem to have little relationship to restoration from the spill. Many others seem very costly. The only detailed proposal I have reviewed is for the The Ecosystem Study Plan 320 (94320), and I strongly support such a long-term study of the Prince William Sound ecosystem, with emphasis on pink salmon and herring.

My main concern is the overall coordination of these projects. What are the key issues and concerns? Is there a coordinated plan for study and integration of results? For example, many projects propose to monitor or assess populations and breeding success of seabirds, mammals, fishes etc. I would think that they could benefit by adopting comparable methods, cooperation in the field and assessment of trends on similar time-space scales.

Finally, as a scientist, I am curious about the review procedures for these proposals. How are they evaluated before and after the Trustee Council receives them? Are they competitive and the best science for the money? How is progress evaluated after the funding period? And how are they coordinated with your overall long-term goals?

Sincerely,

William G. Pearcy Professor Emeritus

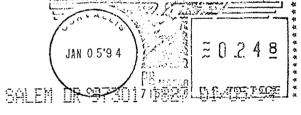
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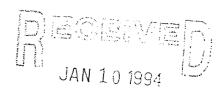


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P. O. Box 324 Kenai, Alaska 99611 6 January 1994

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council 645 G Street Anchorage, AK 99501

I strongly support the following projects:

Project 94504 Genetic Stock Identification of Kenai River Sockeye.

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Project 94255 Kenai River Sockeye Salmon Restoration.

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Project 94258 Sockeye Salmon Overescapement.

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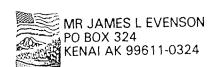
These are excellent projects that make legitimate use of the money to provide necessary research and management tools.

I oppose Project 94199 Alaska Sea Life Center. This tourist facility is definitely not a research project.

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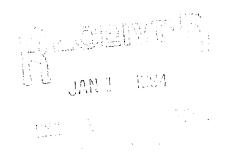
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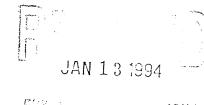








Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council 645 "G" Street Anchorage, AK 99501 Kenneth M. Duffus 20441 Ptarmigan Boulevard Eagle River, AK 99577-8736 (907)694-2359/FAX (907)696-8111



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January 10, 1994

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council 645 "G" Street Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Sirs:

REF: Projects 94255, 94258 and 94504 (Restoration of the Kenai River Sockeye Salmon)

As an Alaskan citizen and fisherman, I feel that it is paramount that the council utilize the funds from the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill settlement to try and restore the damage caused by the spill. While the funds are quickly disappearing the economic effects of the devastation to the Kenai River will be felt for years by all who rely on these waters for recreation as well as a living. I therefore urge you to support funding for the following projects:

1) PROJECT 94255 - Kenai River Sockeye Salmon Restoration

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2) PROJECT 94258 - Sockeye Salmon Overescapement

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3) PROJECT 94504 - Genetic Stock Identification of Kenai River Sockeye

Projects that are not directly aimed at restoration of the damaged fish and wildlife caused by the Exxon Valdez can not and should not be supported. Projects such as Project 94199 - Alaska Sea Life Center, do a great job of promoting tourism but do little if anything for residents and users of the damaged lakes, streams and shorelines of this state. Therefore I am also requesting that you oppose funding for Project 94199 - Alaska Sea Life Center.

If you have any questions or I can be of further assistance please contact me at the above address.

Sincerely,

Kenneth M. Duffus

January 4, 1994

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council 645 G Street Anchorage, AK 99501

Re: Draft 1994 Work Plan

Members of the EVOS Trustee Council:

EXXON VALUE? OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL

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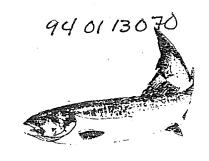
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MEMBERS OF THE EVOS TRUSTEE COUNCIL:

Halay EXXON VALUEZ OIL SPILL

I AM WRITING IN SUPPORT OF EVOS TRUSTEE COUNCIL FUNDING FOR PROJECT NUMBER SULES.

COMMON PROPERTY SALMON STOCK RESTORATION, IN THE DRAFT 1994 WORK PLAN. IN PARTICULAR

I ASK FOR FULL FUNDING TO MAINTAIN THE EXISTING SALMON ENHANCEMENT AND RESTORATION

SYSTEM OPERATED IN THE PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND BIOREGION BY THE PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND

AQUACULTURE CORPARATION (PWSAC).

AS A SPORT FISHERMAN AND PERSONAL USE FISHERMAN (DIPNETTER AT CHITINA ON COPPER RIVER)

I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE PWSAC AND THERE EFFORTS IN SALMON ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMS FOR THE

PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND REGION AND ALSO THE HATCHERY ON THE GULKANA RIVER BETWEEN PAXSON

AND SUMMIT LAKES WHICH PRODUCES SOCKEYE SALMON FOR ALL USERS OF THIS RESOURCE.

AS PRESIDENT OF THE CHITINA DIPNETTER'S ASSOCIATION WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THE PWSAC

IN ALL OF THERE HATCHERY SYSTEM FOR SALMON ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMS WHICH SHOULD BE

MAINTAINED TO BITH RESTORE AND REPLACE THESE LOST RESOURCES AND SERVICES AND THIS

HATCHERY SYSTEM SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO FAIL.

THANK YOU

CHITEMA DIPNETTER'S ASSOCIATION

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January 4, 1994

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council 645 G Street Anchorage, AK 99501

Re: Draft 1994 Work Plan

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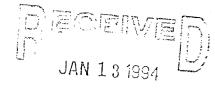
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Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council 645 G St.
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Members of the EVOS Trustee Council:



TRUSTEE COUNCIL

I have lived in Cordova for 18 years. I have fished in Prince Wm Sound for 18 years. Ever since I came here I have been able to make a living catching fish in Prince Wm Sound. Now I am not able to make a living here.

Before the oil spill in 89 there were lots of herring and salmon, since the oil spill the environment in the sound has gone through hell. Fish don't seem to live to well out there.

As you know Prince Wm Sound Aquaculture has a lot to do with the amount of fish in PWS. They grow fish for commercial fisherman, sport fisherman, and mother nature. PSWAC remote releases fish in areas where there are poor natural returns, as well as hatchery releases for sports and commercial fisherman.

Unfortunately PWSAC has to support itself, its was doing fine until the oil spill, now do to extremely poor returns PWSAC is about to go broke. PWSAC can have a leading role in the restoration of PWS salmon if you will help them survive.

Please support project #94421, Common Property Salmon Stock $\forall \exists \vdash \forall$ Restoration in the 94 work plan. In addition to this there will be other opportunities to keep PSWAC alive financially, please support them. The $\forall \exists \vdash \forall$ people of PWS were damaged just as much as the environment, PWSAC can play a major roll in restoring both, please help.

Sincerely

Jim Kallander

Box 2272

Cordova Ak 99574

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To:

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council

645 G. Street

Anchorage, AK 99501

From: James L. Mykland

P.O. Box 1241 Cordova, AK 99574

Re: <u>Draft 1994 Work Plan</u>

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EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL

Members of the EVOS Trustee Council:

I am writing in support of EVOS Trustee Council funding 421- γ for Project #94421, Common Property Salmon Stock Restoration, in the Draft 1994 Work Plan. Specifically I want to see full funding for Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation (PWSAC) until they recover from damages inflicted on them by the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill in 1989.

I have been an Alaskan resident of the Prince William Sound (PWS) area for the last 14 years. I feel that the economic viability of the entire Prince William Sound region will be devastated if the hatchery system is allowed to fail during this period of distress. I feel that it is the upmost of importance that project #94421 be funded.

I also feel it is appropriate that the EVOS Trustee Council pay PWSAC's \$24 million debt to the State of Alaska #0-Y Aquaculture Revolving Loan Fund. The fishermen of PWS have had salmon run failures the last three seasons. For PWS's resources and fishermen to survive we need financial help. Solving PWSAC's economic plight would go a long way to helping the restoration of PWS.

Sincerely,

James L. Mykland

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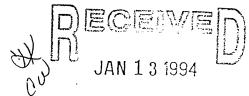


January 11, 1994

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council 645 G Street Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Re: Draft 1994 Work Plan

Dear EVOS Trustee Council Members,



EXXON VALUEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL

My name is Michael Glasen and I am a commercial fisherman and a full time resident of Prince William Sound. I am writing in support of EVOS Trustee Council funding for the common property salmon stock restoration project number 94421 in the Draft 1994 Work Plan. That project asks for money to fund their operating expenses as needed because of the budget shortfall experienced by the Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation.

The financial distress expressed by PWSAC reflects the position of each commercial fisherman participating in the Prince William Sound salmon seine fishery. We need PWSAC to continue and we must have adequate opportunity to harvest the returning salmon.

I also support PWSAC's request for the EVOS Thustee Council to pay in full, in the form of a grant, the debt owed to the State of Alaska Revolving Loan Fund by WWSAC. I believe this could be of immediate and significant benefit to the people of Prince William Sound.

Please help us as we struggle to rebuild our lives as we are learning how to deal with the day to day realities forced upon us by the oil spill. Thank you.

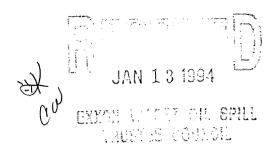
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Please help the resources and the people of Prince William Sound recover.

Thank you.

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Virgil L. Carroll Box 319 — Cordova, Alaska 99574

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council 645 G Street Anchorage, Ak 99501 Re: Draft 1994 Work Plan JAN 1 3 1994

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Dear Members of the EVOS Trustee Council:

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We have fished commercially in the Prince William Sound since 1969 and have never seen things as bad as they have been these past three years. There is something drastically wrong with the ecosystem of PWS and we would like to see funds from the Exxon settlement used for the restoration of the Sound. We are tired HP-N of hearing that that money is being used to buy back timber or to 185-180 buy land! We want that money used to help PWSAC maintain their 189-180 salmon enhancement programs to both restore and replace these 192-180 lost resources and services. The economic viability of the entire PWS region will be devastated if the hatchery system is allowed to fail during this period of distress. We also support tagging programs that the Department of Fish and Game is proposing.

We urge you to help the resources and the people of Prince William Sound recover. Thank you.

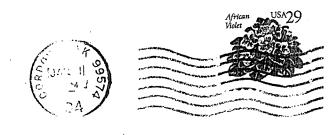
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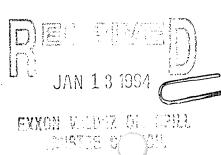
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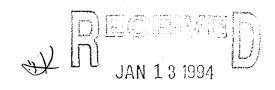


January 4, 1994

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council 645 G Street Anchorage, AK 99501

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Members of the EVOS Trustee Council:



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Please help the resources and the people of Prince William Sound recover. Thank you.

Dear Reviewer:

Attached is the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Restoration Draft 1994 Work Plan which is a list of restoation projects currently under consideration for implementation in 1994. We request your comments on these projects.

In the fall of 1991, the United States of America and the State of Alaska settled their claims against the Exxon Corporation and Exxon Shipping Company for natural resource and service damages from the Exxon Valdez oil spill. In accordance with the Memorandum of Agreement and Consent Decree dated August 28, 1991, the undersigned three State and three Federal Trustee Council Representatives, in consultation with the public, are responsible for determining how restoration funds are to be spent. Restoration funds are being used to restore, enhance, replace, rehabilitate or acquire equivalent resources and services in Prince William Sound and the Gulf of Alaska. Overall guidance for the yearly expenditure of restoration funds will be delineated within a Restoration Plan. The Restoration Plan will be a foundational document against which projects proposed for annual work plans will be developed. A draft Restoration Plan has been developed and any program of work for 1994 must be consistent with that draft plan.

Potential projects for implementation in 1994 were selected from a list of project titles encompassing all proposals received from the public and government agencies during the past several years. Project titles were developed into brief project descriptions and budgets and are presented as the Draft 1994 Work Plan before you now. We are seeking your comments to guide the Trustee Council in their final selection of projects to be conducted in 1994. Written comments, in order to be considered during the development of the final version of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Restoration 1994 Work Plan, must be postmarked by January 14, 1994, and sent to the following address:

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council 645 "G" Street Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Please note: The cover of this document indicates whether it is an abridged version without the brief project descriptions. If you would like to obtain a copy of this document with the brief project descriptions or if you have any other questions concerning this document or its distribution please contact the Oil Spill Public Information Center, 645 "G" Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, or you may call:

(907) 278-8008 (800) 478-7745 (Alaska) (800) 283-7745 (outside Alaska)

EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Title: Common Property Salmon Stock Restoration

Project Number: 94421

Lead Agency: Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Cooperating Entities: Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation (PWSAC)

Valdez Fisheries Development Association (VFDA)

Cook Inlet Aguaculture Association (CIAA)

Cost of Project, FY94: \$5,336.8K

Project Startup Date: February 1, 1994 Duration: Eight months

Geographic Area: Prince William Sound and Lower Cook Inlet, North Gulf of Alaska

INTRODUCTION

Alaska's salmon, including those produced in wild streams, state hatcheries and private non-profit hatcheries, are considered the common property of all Alaska residents. Common property salmon fisheries supported by fish produced from all of these sources were injured by the Exxon Valdez oil spill. In recent years, the collapse of common property fisheries in Prince William Sound and Lower Cook Inlet have created a particular hardship on commercial fishermen. In particular, the pink salmon produced by Prince William Sound and Lower Cook Inlet streams and hatcheries held a major role in sustaining the ecosystems of these areas by their contribution to the food web. Other species of salmon produced here have also contributed, but to a lesser degree. By incubating, rearing and releasing salmon eggs, fry and smolt at hatcheries, this project would restore the common property fisheries to their pre-spill levels and would assist the commercial fisheries and impacted predator species in the spill area.

In 1971, the Division of Fisheries Rehabilitation, Enhancement and Development (FRED Division) of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) was created by the Alaska State Legislature. The legislature directed the division "through rehabilitation, enhancement, and development programs to do all things necessary to insure perpetual and increasing production and use of food resources of Alaska waters." In other words, the common property fisheries.

In 1973, the United Fisherman's Association (UFA) was formed, organizing commercial fishermen at the state level for the first time. Fishermen's groups such as UFA were a driving force behind Alaska's salmon hatchery programs. This group, along with others, believed it would take artificial propagation as well as some restrictive regulations to bring the

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Resources and/or Associated Services

The primary goal of the proposed project is to maintain operations of seven hatcheries in Prince William Sound and Lower Cook Inlet, in order to promote recovery of the common property salmon stocks to their pre-spill levels. The direct beneficiaries are the commercial recreational and subsistence fishermen, as well as local populations of fish, birds and mammals dependent on salmon. Achievement of this goal is explained in the following three plans put together by the corporations that now operate these seven hatcheries. Four of visit these seven hatcheries are owned by the State of Alaska which currently makes bond payments on three of them. At the time of the Exxon Valdez oil spill, three of the four state of hatcheries were operated by the State of Alaska using General Fund monies. Because of the cooperative relationship between private non-profit hatcheries and the state in producing state common property fisheries (as described in the history of Alaska salmon aquaculture above) operation of these facilities, which remain in the ownership of the State, was given to the said. private non-profit (PNP) aquaculture facilities with the proviso that operation costs could be recovered by the harvest of salmon for this purpose only in special harvest areas. This is a same procedure used by the PNP's to recover operating costs for the facilities they own as a well as operate. In 1993, sales from returns of adult salmon to these special harvest areas 🤝 were insufficient to meet operating costs. Because of poor returns in previous years reserve: accounts have been depleted to the extent that the PNP's could not make up this shortfall from reserves. For Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation and Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association, accepting the responsibility for operating state facilities has increased the budget shortfalls for their entire organizations.

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The monies being requested from the Trustee Council are for operating expenses only. None of these monies will be used to retire loans or to make interest payments on loans. Further, none of these monies will be used to replenish contingency reserve accounts. The monies being requested from the Trustee Council are only for operating budget shortfalls, not the entire operating budget where the aquaculture associations have some operating monies. Specific budget details will be provided to the Trustee Council in the near future. Any monies recovered by the associations through litigation against Exxon, Alyeska, or subsidiaries thereof as regards to the Exxon Valdez oil spill will be used to repay these project costs to the Trustee Council.

Project Description

Wild returns of pinks ranged from average to record highs. However, in 1991, an aberrant return of adult pink salmon, spawned in the parent year of 1989, came in late and dark, and millions went unsold. In 1992, the wild and hatchery pink salmon return was approximately one-third of the projected size; in 1993, pinks came back at about one-fifth of their expected strength, and wild chum returns were far under projections. The 1993 wild and hatchery sockeye returns to the Sound were less than half the expected strength.

These failed salmon returns to Prince William Sound, coupled with deflated fish prices, resulted in financial disaster for commercial fishermen and for PWSAC in 1991, 1992, and to 1993. In an effort to understand the ecosystem of the Sound and determine the causes of the failures, the fishermen and PWSAC have joined in a bioregional coalition -- Prince William Sound Fisheries Ecosystem Research Planning Group (PWSFERGP) -- encouraged and self-funded by the Trustee Council. While the scientific questions are being answered, the role of the salmon enhancement programs in research, restoration and replacement of lost services must be maintained. PWSAC is requesting \$3.9 million from the Trustee Council to fund its a FY94 revenue shortfall. This request is not intended to set a precedent for operational funding by the Trustee Council.

Endeavoring to maintain operations, PWSAC has cut its budgets for each of the last three years, has committed the remainder of its contingency funds, and is actively pursuing additional funding sources, as well as means of increasing revenue. On PWSAC's behalf, the Department of Commerce has asked that \$4 million in aquaculture loan funds be included in the Governor's FY94 supplemental budget request to the Legislature. The chance of success of this request is very unsure, given the present condition of the State's finances. Litigation claims settlements from Alyeska and Exxon could increase revenue, although it is questionable when and by how much. In addition, this year the PWSAC Board of Directors, in an effort to achieve better value for fish sold, authorized a product development and marketing project, supported by the Department of Commerce and the Governor. Additional revenues resulting from any of these efforts would reduce the amount of PWSAC funding sought from the Trustee Council.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Resources and/or Associated Services

The primary goal of the proposed project is to maintain operations of the hatcheries in Prince William Sound, in order to promote recovery of the populations and distributions of injured salmon resources to their pre-spill levels, and/or replace those resources.

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199-4 Jan.11 194. Pacitic University in the Environmental Scien program. I believe The Sea Lite Center Wou not only be a wonder the I learning and re. Search Facility, but more important injur marine maninals desperately need to the best care available to them when They become injured due to human interactic For example, an oci Spill. I personalle am dedicating my Tuture Career to the care and research of manne mammal I unici continue my education atter receiving my degree from APU Until I receiving my degree from APU Until I have a masters in marine Ecology. I as originally from Nily, and have traveled in the with hopes of interacting with its Enough on me, my point, I do believe all too held how desperately a Center like this is needed. Don't we owne this to our marine mammals? I believe luce do. As long as humans depend pon petroleum and retined products it is their responsibility to ensure the Satety of the planets oceans and the species they contain. I vote yes! Plea Frankli, Tun extremete interested.

Thank you Sincerely Carol A. Gebauer.

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Carul Gebauer 4101 Lineversity Dr. APLIBOX 335

Anchorage: AK-

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council 645 G Street Anchorage, AK 99501





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#3 94421 this would help to increase the number of Rish that will be marketable, and should, if managed properly, be able To pay its own way with growth.

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Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council 645 G Street Anchorage, AK 99501



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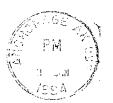
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To Whom It May Concern.

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I feel that the proposed sea life center will be a true benefit to the future of our ecosystem. The money used to build such center could not be better used.

Thank You,

John Alvelon

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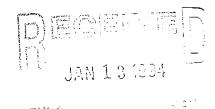
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Lorna J. Barnhart 6600 Baby Bear Drive Anchorage, Alaska 99507 (907) 349-1758



January 10, 1994

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council 645 G Street Anchorage, AK 99501

Attn: Draft Work Plan

Dear Trustees;

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It is my firm belief that funding of the project to build the Alaska SeaLife Center would be a profitable and educational decision. Not only is the Prince William Sound and surrounding area beautiful, but it is a habitat for a unique combination of sea life.

Funding of a project such as the Center will promote positive public awareness of the efforts taken to arrive at a balance between development of Alaska's natural resources and the protection of our unique ecosystems.

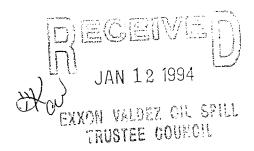
As unmolested marine habitats diminish as a result of progress and development, the need for a thorough understanding of those habitats is vital to Alaska's ability to continue to utilize her abundant marine resources.

Funding of this project would be a wise investment in Alaska's future.

Sincerely,

Lorna J. Barnhart

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council 645 "G" Street Anchorage, Alaska 99501



Dear Council,

I am a Cook Inlet commercial fisherman (Salmon Drift Gillnet & Halibut Long Line) and an active member of UCIDA. I would like to go on record as being <u>IN FAVOR OF</u> 'Project 94505, Genetic Stock Identification of Kenai River Sockeye, 'Project 94255, Kenai River Sockeye Salmon Restoration' and 'Project 94258, Sockeye Salmon Overescapement'.

I would also like to go on record that I STRONGLY OPPOSE 'Project 94199, Alaska Sea Life Center'. This tourist attraction, that requires 200,000 tourist per year to break even, clearly can not be devoted to research. This type of Project should be funded by State & Local "TOURIST" moneys, not "EXXON VALDEZ RESTORATION FUND" moneys!

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Sincerely,

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Robert H. Blake P. O. Box 94 Cordova, AK 99574

January 10, 1994

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council 645 G Street Anchorage, AK 99501

RE: 1994 Draft Work Plan

EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL

Council Members:

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This letter is being forwarded in support of your work plan project identified as #94421, Common Property Salmon Stock Restoration. I am a 41-year resident of Cordova, and have been a commercial fishermen for the past 33 years.

Since the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill, fisheries stocks in Prince William Sound have declined. The Sound's residents and fishermen have seen the decline of salmon, herring, deer, birds and plankton. Prior to 1989, the Sound used to be a rich nursery for salmon, halibut, herring, 'crab, shrimp, and other shellfish. Now there is evidence of a continuing decline in the fisheries resources here.

Limited studies are in progress to try to ascertain what is causing all this; many professional and laypeople feel the ultimate cause was the oil spill. In the face of declining oil revenues, the State of Alaska Department of Fish and Game cannot fund needed research alone. The State regularly turns to the Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation (PWSAC) to share in research funding for salmon tagging and recovery projects.

PWSAC was created in 1974 with the full support of Alaska's Governor, the Legislature and the residents of the Sound. As PWSAC became evermore successful in the aquaculture science, support from the State and its agencies has waned. While the Department of Fish and Game supports PWSAC's endeavors, it cannot muster political support, nor help to enhance the present legislators' blase attitude toward support of the fisheries.

With the decline of the returning salmon runs, the fishermen and PWSAC (which the fishermen created), are experiencing extreme financial hardship. The State is working to help

fishermen overcome some of this devastation with loan modifications for their permits and vessels. As allowed by law, PWSAC also has loans from the State for hatchery construction. The State has not been able to help PWSAC through this revenue shortfall as much as it would like to. PWSAC now faces loan payments to the State of \$2.5 million per year.

Since 1988, PWSAC has assumed the cost of operating three of the State's salmon hatcheries that benefit the commercial, subsistence and sport fisheries of Prince William Sound. The State was unable to maintain the funding for these operations. PWSAC also operates its own two facilities in the Sound. Notwithstanding the fact that PWSAC assumed the State's third facility this past July, PWSAC has reduced its FY 94 annual expense budget to below the FY 92 costs.

The residents, fishermen and businesses of Prince William Sound communities - Cordova, Valdez, Whittier, Seward, two native villages, and to a certain extent, a percentage of Anchorage businesses and the upper Copper River subsistence fisheries are dependent upon the Sound's salmon fisheries. PWSAC is the major producer of this resource.

Your favorable consideration of the Project #94421 grant would be a fitting use of the EVOS settlement funds. Please do not let this project be neglected.

Respectfully,

Robert H. Blake

RHB/pmd

P.O. Box 113769
Anchorage, Alaska 99511
January 11, 1994

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council 645 G Street Anchorage, Alaska 99501 JAN 12 1994

Dear Council Members:

EXXON VALUEZ OIL SPILL

I am writing to express my support for Project Number 94424,011 Common Property Salmon Stock Restoration which is in your draft 1994 work plan. Specifically, I ask for your support in providing \$3.9 million to fund the fiscal year 1994 operational shortfall of the Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation (PWSAC).

As you may know, PWSAC salmon production was a dominant component of the common property fishery resources of Prince William Sound prior to the 1989 Exxon Valdez Oil Spill. Recent production failures in 1992 an 1993 have resulted in lost earnings for the fishermen of PWS as well as lost revenues to PWSAC. While scientists argue over the causes of the salmon resource failures in the sound, and lawyers construct arguments relating to resource impacts of the EVOS; PWSAC faces the very real possibility of going out of business.

debates, it Regardless of the outcome of legal and scientific the Prince William Sound Aquaculture be recognized that Corporation is the only organization with the capacity expertise to achieve the salmon restoration responsibilities of Council in William Sound. This the Trustee Prince particularly true when it is remembered that the State of Alaska has eliminated the ADF&G Division of Fisheries Rehabilitation and Enhancement, and that their diminished capacity in this area will be further exacerbated by the State's present financial and budgetary problems.

PWSAC was created to "... rehabilitate the state's depleted and depressed salmon fishery..." in Prince William Sound. This purpose has been given new meaning as a result of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill. PWSAC can be the instrument of the EVOS Trustee Council's rehabilitation and restoration responsibilities in Prince William Sound, but it needs your help. Please approve the requested funding for Project Number 94421.

Sincerely yours,

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AWH/awh cc: PWSAC

Robert Fox P.O. Box 72169 Fairbanks, AK 99707

January 10, 1994

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council 645 G Street Anchorage, AK 99501

Re: Draft 1994 Work Plan

Dear Members of the EVOS Trustee Council:

EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL

JAN 12 1994

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This letter is directed to your council seeking your support for Project #94421-Common Property Salmon Stock Restoration. The pink salmon runs have fallen severely short of what is required to maintain a viable run and support the economy of the region.

While the reasons for this decline are not fully understood at this time, the Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation hatcheries are being severely impacted, and may be forced to close without the funds requested. Even though my area of Alaska is not directly affected by this particular fishery, many Fairbanksans depend to some extent or another on healthy fisheries throughout the state.

Of the many requests before you, I sincerely hope that your decisions will be directed to support the projects that offer the most economic benefit for the region and all of Alaska. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert P. Fox

A concerned citizen

cc: Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation

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January 9, 1994

EVOS Trustee Council 645 G Street Anchorage, AK 99501 EXPORT VALOET OIL SPILL

Re: Praft 1994 Work Plan

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I am writing in support of EVOS Trustee Council funding for Project Number 94421, Common Property Salmon Stock Restoration, in the Draft 1994 Work Plan. In particula. I ask for full funding to maintain the existing salmon enhancement and restoration system operated in the Prince William Sound bioregion by (PWSAC).

Prince William Sound Salmon fisheries are distressed. During the ten years prior to 1989, the average annual return of all salmon to the PWS management region was 22 million fish. Total natural and hatchery salmon returns have dwindled to 10-5 million in 1992 and 7.0 million in 1993, in response to ecosystem changes that require further investigation. The damaged salmon recources and the Lost services provided by those resources have heavily impacted all user groups. Revenues to PWSAC, primarily dependent on sales of returning fish, have fallen far short of what is necessary to maintain

While the extent of short-and long-term damage to the Prince William Sound ecosystem 15 still being assessed, it is more important than ever to the people of the Sound that the Salmon enhancement programs be maintained to both restore and replace these lost resources and services. The economic viability of the entire Prince William Sound region will be devastated if the hatchery system is allowed to fail during this period of distress.

Becouse of the extent of the economic havd ship in the region, it is also app-HD-Y ropriate to ask the EVOS Trustee Council funds to repay the PWSAC debt to the State Aguaculture Revolving Loan Fund; in addition to the funding request for 1994.

Please help the resources and the people of Prince William Bound recover Thank you.

> Sincerly Kory Blake & Family P.W.S Jisherman since 1970 Phone 907-376-3304

Kory Blake Box 1122 Cordova, AK 99574



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Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council
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DEAR COUNCAL MEMBERS

EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILI TRUSTEE COUNCIL

AS A COMMERCIAL FIGHERMAN AND A MEMBER OF, THE UNITED COOK
INLET DRIFT ASSOCIATION, I AM ASKING FOR YOUR FINANCIAL
SUPPORT FOR THESE PROJECTS:

PROJECT #94258, KENAI RIVER GOCKEYE SALMON RESTORATION 255-Y

PROJECT #94504, GENETIC STOCK IDENTIFACATION OF KENAI RIVER SOCKEYE

PROJECT #94258, SOCKEYE SALMON OVER ESCAPEMENT

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RESPECT FULLY YOURS.

EUGENE SVETC 500 W. 315 AVE ANCHORAGE, AK. 99503



January, 14, 1994

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council 6745 G Street Anchorage, Alaska 995901



Re: "Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Restoration Draft 1994ENYOFKVELARE" OIL SPILL

Listed below are some of our comments for this plan:

Project # 94007: "Site Specific Archaeological Restoration"

On page 62 of the Draft 1994 Work Plan talks about contracts. CAC is concern by the statement that all activities will be done in-house by agencies archaeologist. A very large percentage of the historical sites in the sound are now or will be owned by the various Native corporations. To this very day very little communication between the state and federal agencies and the Native Corporations has occurred concerning these proposed restoration activities (and this greatly concerns us!!).

At the very least, representative of the Native community must be hired and present at the sites if any work is to be conducted on selected or conveyed lands or on lands which hold strong religious meaning to the Chugach people (such a burial caves). The Section 106 must be completed to our satisfaction prior to any start of any of these projects.

Project #94015: "Archaeological Site Stewardship Program"

CAC has had a monitoring (Stewardship) program for many years prior to and after the oil spill. The majority of the Native prehistoric and historic sites to be monitored are on Native owned and selected lands.

CAC and the villages <u>Do NOT</u> want just anyone monitoring these sites. We would prefer to have local and regional Native representative do this field work. We welcome the State Historic Preservation Office and other federal agencies to provide training and to help coordinate the start of this program. If the Native corporations do not have a significant active role in this program than we would prefer that this program not be funded.

• Project # 94386: Artifact Repository - Planning and Design 386-7

CAC strongly feels that this project should be funded. The Native villages/communities of our region should have funds to build a center to store the artifacts from their area, they should not be store out of the region in Fairbanks or Kodiak!

- Considerations should also be given to funding a similar cultural center and artifact storage facility on Hinchinbrook Island, at the site called Nuchek. CAC currently has a \$15,000. federal grant to conduct a feasibility study at Nuchek. The Nuchek project has very broad support from across Alaska and the Nation. Over 50 letters of support for this project has been sent to your office last year (including one from Governor Hickel).
- Another project that CAC feels should be funded is in the Bay of Isles on Knight Island. In this bay is a place called "Death Lagoon". This is where large amount of oil was trapped in a 266-Y lagoon and was never attempted to be cleaned up. CAC would like to be considered as a contractor to clean the remaining oil that is still on our conveyed lands.

In closing, CAC strongly agrees with the statement made on page 11 of this report which states:

"Agencies will <u>not</u> be funded for projects unrelated to the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill or for costs that the agencies would normally fund if the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill had not occurred."

CAC also considers many of these projects to be a major Federal under taking and that the Section 106 process needs to be implemented when dealing with our concerns, lands and culture.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. We look foreword to helping to do our part to restore our homeland which our culture has occupied for over 6,000 years. The Chugach have been here before the spill and we will be here long after the money runs out and the people go home!

Sincerely,

John F. C. Johnson

Cultural resource Manager Chugach Alaska Corporation

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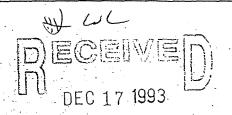
Cordova District Fishermen United

P.O. Box 939 Cordova, Alaska 99574 (907) 424-3447 FAX (907) 424-3430

December 14, 1993

Mr. Carl Rosier Department of Fish and Game 1255 West 8th Street Juneau, Alaska 99802

Dear Mr. Rosier:



EXXON VALUEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL

As you are aware, 1993 was a dismal year for commercial fisheries in Prince William Sound. This has been the third year of abnormal pink salmon runs in the Sound and the economic well-being of the region is feeling the pinch. The communities of PWS rely heavily on commercial fisheries and the mainstay of our regional pink salmon industry, the Prince William Sound Aquaculture Association (PWSAC), is in dire need of assistance.

On behalf of the board and membership of CDFU, I encourage you to support Project 94421 in the 1994 Draft Work Plan. This project will provide \$5.9 million to PWSAC, the Valdez Fisheries Development Association (VFDA) and the Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association (CIAA) to maintain operation of their salmon hatchery programs. At this time, PWSAC's resources are running perilously short and they will be forced to shut down their hatchery programs without an infusion of operating capital.

Pink salmon is recognized as a damaged species as a result of the Exxon Valdez oil spill and we feel that the continuation of the PWS hatchery program will assist the recovery of injured pink salmon populations. We encourage your full support for Project 94421. If Prince William Sound loses PWSAC, we will lose the backbone of our commercial pink salmon industry and the foundation of our regional economy.

Sincerely

J#fry McCune, President

Cordo va District Fishermen United

cc: Charlie Cole, Dept. of Law
 John Sandor, ADEC
 Steve Pennoyer, U.S. Dept. of Commerce
 Mike Barton, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture
 Paul Gates, U.S. Dept. of Interior

PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND/COPPER RIVER REGIONAL FISHERIES PLANNING TEAM

Using Biology, Finance, Land, Engineering and Public Input to Enhance Prince William Sound/Copper River Area Fisheries

December 7, 1993

Jim Ayers, Executive Director EVOS Trustees Council 645 G Street Anchorage, AK 99501 al ivl

Dear Mr. Ayers,

The Prince William Sound/Copper Regional Planning Team (RPT) was established by the Commissioner of ADF&G under Title 16.10.5. Three regional aquaculture association board appointees and three ADF&G staff appointed by the Commissioner comprise the team. The primary purpose of RPTs is to develop comprehensive salmon plans for various regions of the state. The PWS/CR RPT is mandated to develop the comprehensive salmon plan for Prince William Sound and the Copper River region. The RPT recommends to the Commissioner on hatchery permitting including numbers of salmon eggs to incubate and remote release locations, in addition to other responsibilities. To rehabilitate and enhance the state's depleted and depressed salmon fishery, hatchery operators may propose projects that conform to the goals and objectives identified within the regional plan. RPT's and ADF&G Department staff including the state geneticist, pathologist and regional management staff, recommend to the Commissioner on appropriateness of proposed salmon enhancement and rehabilitation projects.

The PWS/CR RPT recognizes the weak performance of wild stock salmon in the Northwest District of Prince William Sound and supports stock restoration projects that will assist their rehabilitation. We hope you will consider this in identifying and selecting restoration projects brought before the EVOS Trustees Council, and consider the role of the PWS/CR RPT in aiding evaluation of these proposed projects.

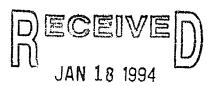
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Sincerely,

Mark Willette Chairman







OIL SPILL

January 13, 1994

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council 645 "G" Street Anchorage, AK 99501

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Re: Project 94199, Alaska Sea Life Center (North Pacific Research Institute)

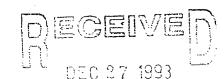
Dear Trustees:

In response to your request for public comment on the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Restoration Draft 1994 Work Plan, I am pleased to send you 310 coupons and letters received in support of Council funding of the Alaska Sea Life Center. These communications of support have been received from Alaska residents living in 21 communities throughout the state. It shows broad support for the Alaska Sea Life Center as an EVOS project many Alaskans desire to be funded in the 1994 Work Plan.

Sincerely,

Darryl Schaefermeyer Project Administrator

Enclosures



PWSCORS

Prince William Sound Communities
Organized To Restore the Sound
P.O. Box 2144
Valdez, Alaska 99686

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22 December 1993

Mr. Charles Cole, Attorney General Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council 645 G Street Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Attorney General Cole:

On behalf of the members of PWSCORS, I wish to thank you and your fellow trustees for including salmon hatchery assistance among the various projects to be funded in 1994.

While as a group we may have some different issues of concern that are being transmitted to you via a separate document, during a recent meeting of PWSCORS it was decided by the members that we take this opportunity to express our appreciation regarding the hatcheries.

As you know, the last few years have been very hard on our salmon industry in Prince William Sound. And although the experts can only speculate to a large extent regarding the various causes, the future of the industry and the fishery necessitates that our hatcheries survive. If they were to fail as well . . . it could be absolutely devastating for the future of many in Prince William Sound's fishing fleet.

Attorney General Cole, once again, our sincere "thank you" to you and all of the Trustees. While we in Prince William Sound do, and shall, respond quickly when we have reservations regarding policy, we would also like to be known as responding just as efficiently when expressing our appreciation.

Sincerely,

Tom Van Brocklin, Chair

PWSCORS

COMMENT SHEET EXXON VALDEZ RESTORATION 1994 DRAFT WORK PLAN

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421-Y I fully support Project 94421, Common Hatcher Restoration and would request that the Frustee Council approve and fund Project 94421. The connercial fisheries in Orince William Sound, Cook I slet and Wodiah were and are still being dramatically Offected by the oil spill and its long lasting effects. The fishermen are in great financial hardships. The fisheries are very poor. The State las tuned over their hatcheries to the firemen's agraculture association and told they have to now found them solely by not recovery. With dramatic poor fish returns there is not enough fish returning to fund the hatcheries through nost recovery. The Satcheries need your financial help. The fisheries need your help, The fishermen need your kelp. Do please fund Project 94421. Thank you. David a martin

Additional Comments:

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Other projects I think should be implemented are the Chemoga Bay Chinak Release Program, the Trash Cleanup, the waste oil disposal, the Clam Recruitment project and the Mussel bed restorations. I think Recreational Projects are

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I think Recreational Projects are good if they increase recreational opportunities like projects 94043 and 216-9 94216. One project that I would like to see would be more public use cabins MC-9 around Prince William Sound. For camping hunting and fishing.

Thank you for this opportunity to share my comments with your Sincerely; Call Petersos



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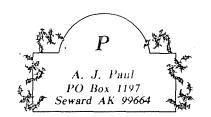
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In reviewing the 1994 draft restoration plan I liked concept of a research institute that was proposed. In the there has been very little basic marine biology done in the EVOS region because Prince William Sound, Cook Inlet and the Kodiak argas are all in state waters and considered the responsibility of Alaska. So, studies in the region are not generally eligible 199-7for federal funding from programs such as NMFS or NSF. The creation of a financially self sufficient research institute could eliminate this funding problem. Most important it carry out long term ecological research projects in the EVOS region. It will also be the only facility in the state of doing much needed live marine mammal and bird research. I hope the trustees can support the creation of important institution.

I am not in favor of using more than 10% of the settlement funds to purchase terrestrial habitat. Most truly marine species $HP \sim N$ will not benefit from forest acquisition. I believe some timber harvest is needed to keep the economy going and too much timber purchase is not in Alaska's interest. Conservation can be achieved by enactment and enforcement of laws.

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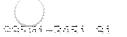
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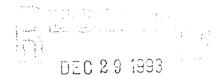
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Dear Mr. Ayres:

In the 1994 work plan a marine science research institute with the Alaska Sealife Center is being proposed and I feel creation is very important for the oil spill region. before the spill we had very little information on ecological interrelationships between the species and the effects environmental changes on populations in the northern Before the spill several sea bird and some marine mammal species were declining in abundance and the oil spill further decimated them. The fact that we do not know why these species are disappearing, or why our fisheries are failing, shows me that we are not devoting enough effort into ecological research and that existing agencies and facilities are inadequate. I fully support the idea of a research institute, but for it to be viable the Oil Spill Trustees must provide some mechanism to financially support it, like an endowment.

I feel too much of the Trustees' effort has been in the land purchase. Most marine bird, invertebrates and fish will not be helped by the existing habitat protection $\mu \gamma \sim N$ program. It will take decades for the marine ecosystem in the EVOS region to recover from the oil spill and some research program needs to be put in place that will be present decades from now. I don't want to see all the money from the settlement spent right away, at least 10% should devoted to your proposed research institute.

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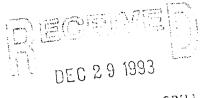
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I am writing you to request that the Trustee Council support and/or invest in Alaska's ultimate renewable resource, our people. An investment in our people can have a positive impact throughout the state and maybe an impact worldwide. $\mu \rho \sim N$

The purchase of a couple of acres of land has very limited impact and absolutely no impact for most Alaskans and/or people who cannot visit that couple of acres.

An investment in a research/educational facility like Alaska Sea Life Center accomplishes the following:

- 1. Supports our ultimate renewable resource our people. 199-9
- 2. Would benefit all Alaskans.
- 3. Would provide jobs for people in Seward and provide for instate employment for marine professionals.

I encourage and ask for your support of the Alaska Sea Life Center in Seward.

Sincerely,

J. A. Fergusson

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Thank you for keeping me informed of the 1994 Restoration Work Plan and for inviting my comments.

Most of the proposed restoration projects seem to be self-serving attempts by federal and state agencies to feed on Exxon settlement money. Many proposed projects should be within the normal sphere of operations of agencies such as the Fish & Wildlife Service and the Alaska Department of Fish & Game. Other projects seem to be unecessary manipulations of the environment. Prince William Sound is doing a fair job of healing itself after the $\underline{\text{Exxon}}$ $\underline{\text{Valdez}}$ disaster. We can help best by habitat protection and acquisition, including conservation easements as well as outright purchases.

I do fear that overfising in Prince William Sound and farther offshore may be impacting the food chain, with severe effects on sea birds, harbor sheals, and other taxa on your "Not Recovering" list. Attempts to link the declines these taxa with lingering effects of the oil spill may be misdirected. I would strongly support attempts to determine what parts of the fising industry are causing these problems, and to develop a workable plan for corrective changes.

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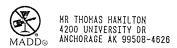
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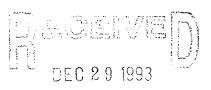
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Trustee Council Members Exxon Valdez Oil Spill 645 G Street Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Trustee Council Member:

The Haines Chamber of Commerce would like to express our support for the establishment of an endowed chair for Bald Eagle Ecology and Management Studies at the University of Alaska Southeast. This chair should be funded by the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill settlement funds under its enhancement provisions.

This proposal was submitted for your consideration by the American Bald Eagle Foundation in a letter dated February 27, 1993. I am enclosing a copy of this letter for your information.

Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Marilyn & Hullger Administrative Assistant February 27, 1993

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Dear Trustee Council Members:

The American Bald Eagle Foundation wishes to submit for your consideration the following proposal: the establishing of an endowed chair for Bald Eagle Ecology and Management Studies at the University of Alaska Southeast (UAS) funded by the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill (EVOS) settlement funds under its enhancement provision.

For this purpose we will explain the correlation between EVOS and the UAS and Southeast Alaska:

- 1. Bald eagle studies in Southeast provided methodology and comparisons important to assessing eagle damage in Prince William Sound.
- 2. Marking studies have shown that Southeast is part of the normal range of eagles that nest in Prince William Sound particularly for the birds under age five which are not yet ready to nest.
- 3. Some of the oiled eagles rescued in the Sound were sent to the Alaska Raptor Rehabilitation Center in Sitka for rehabilitation.
- 4. Personnel and the motor vessel Surfbird of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, normally occupied full-time in regular eagle research and management, lost three valuable years from their regular program while diverted to Prince William Sound.

- 5. Researchers, other people, and resources from Southeast were diverted to oil studies and clean-up to the detriment of their regular assignments.
- 6. Considerable losses in revenues were sustained by Southeast attributed to cancellations by tourists who dropped Alaska altogether from their travel plans due to the oil spill.

Short term studies initiated after the Exxon Valdez oil spill indicated that more than 11% or about 900 of 8,000 bald eagles thought to have been the pre-spill population in Prince William Sound died in the oil spill of 1989. That year, reproduction by surviving eagles was nil. Since then, reproduction appears to have returned to normal and recovery to pre-spill numbers may be achieved in as little as four years. Of course, long term effects are not predictable from the short term studies. No means for enhancing the bald eagle population was identified, though a fear of loss of nesting sites due to logging was expressed.

In 1989 the American Bald Eagle Foundation (ABEF), a group of concerned Alaskan's and other citizens interested in preserving and eulogizing our National Bird, approached Chancelor Marshall Lind about establishing an American Bald Eagle Research Institute (ABERI) affiliated with the University of Alaska Southeast. An ABERI board of directors was established in late 1989 and a set of by-laws adopted.

As its first project ABERI undertook to produce an up-to-date anthology for a three-credit correspondence course on American bald eagles being promoted across the country by the Office of Continuing Education at UAS. Material for the anthology was compiled by hosting a conference attended by knowledgeable eagle people and scientists. The assumption then was that although Alaskans are not well represented in the national cogitation over bald eagles, they have in fact, a much closer association with eagles than most people from other areas.

A conference held in the fall of 1990 assembled an impressive number of Alaskan Biologists, Refuge Managers, Orinthologists, Geologists, Forest Ecologists and an important group of speakers on the role of bald eagles in Indian and American symbolism, conservation, tourism and much more. Eagle experts from the Atlantic states, the Midwest and the Pacific states were also present to put our conference in the proper national context. From this gathering a most exciting book was compiled which is currently being edited and will soon be published with financial support from the ABEF.

A second project of ABERI was to develop a computerized bald eagle bibliography for the library at UAS. (The National Wildlife Federation had previously published a bald eagle bibliography dating back to 1979 and sold in book form some 2000 titles at \$9.00 each). During the winter of 1991-92 the ABEF funded a student to compile the computarized bibliography of more than 3000 titles (including those from the National Wildlife Federation). This bibliography is now for sale at cost at UAS in the form of a printout or as a computer disk. Many of the listed research papers were acquired for the Egan Library, National Wildlife Federation, incidently, whose funding for the bald eagle research has expired, recognizes UAS as the proper repository for their eagle files. What was then hope for UAS in becoming a leader in Bald Eagle studies has now emerged as reality.

A third project for ABERI is to have an internationally recognized academic authority on bald eagles come to UAS and establish the world's foremost bald eagle Ecology and Research Center, and write the planification and documentation. Professor James D. Fraser of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, a leading American raptor scientist with a record of bald eagle research across America, was approached. Professor Fraser was interested in spending the 1992-93 academic year at UAS while on sabbatical from VPI. Unfortunately, even with half of his salary paid by VPI, it was impossible to generate the other half in Alaska at that time, and so the effort has been deferred.

In addition to the work done by ABERI, the three-credit correspondence course on bald eagles (referenced earlier) initiated by UAS is being well accepted and has been purchased by several hundred students across America. Also, UAS has encouraged expansion of the Alaska Raptor Rehabilitation Center at Sitka which now rents a UAS building and is self supported as a result of grants, memberships and paid visits by several tourists each year. Furthermore, UAS has helped build the Dave Olerud Bald Eagle Visitor and Education Center in Haines by teaching building construction courses there.

The University of Southeast Alaska is irrevocably involved with bald eagle research, and is ready to accept the responsibilities with challenges that will come with major funding.

The University of Alaska Southeast is aspiring to take advantage of the world's foremost bald eagle resources for studies and research that will lead to proper management of optimum eagle population levels on into decades, centuries ahead through the establishment of an endowed research and education program.

Allow me please to summarize the objectives of UAS with respect to the bald eagle:

- 1. To provide leadership in bald eagle research in Prince William Sound, in coastal Alaska, and everwhere else in Alaska and the lower 48 states.
- 2. To chair the ABERI at UAS and coordinate bald eagle research and education at all of its UAS campuses.
- 3. To provide public service, undergraduate teaching, graduate research and post doctoral studies in bald eagle ecology.

- 4. To produce properly trained scientists in a field related to bald eagles.
- 5. To enhance existing UAS programs in the fields of biology, resource management policy, and public administration.
- 6. To research eagle management in the wilderness settings of Alaska.
- 7. To research eagle management in remote resource development places such as logging sites, mining, fish processing, aquaculture, or others.
- 8. To research eagle management in urban and suburban settings where eagle presence is particularly valuable but conflicts with other endeavors that can occur.
- 9. To research eagle management and people management in areas important to the tourist industry.
- 10. To produce scientific, educational, and popular literature on our National Bird.
- 11. To further develop proposals and apply for private and institutional grants needed to achieve all of these objectives.

From the short term studies also mentioned previously, we have learned that the bald eagles of the oil spill areas are expected to recover naturally from their extensive losses leading to the conclusion that all EVOS settlement funds are not necessarily needed for the bald eagle's restoration, rehabilitation, or replacement. However, under the enhancement provision, a long term program is warranted if not mandated because the knowledge and technology for such enhancement is not currently available.

An endowed chair at UAS could be expected to attract the finest talent in the field of science and education. This would in turn bring forth the best students in that field, who ultimately would make discoveries to enhance eagle populations where need be.

Of course, one significant point that must be covered in this proposal, is the economic consideration we must grant the bald eagle. Alaska's small cities need to capitalize on whatever natural assets they have: the bald eagle resource is most important to the tourist industry. Being home to the world's leading bald eagle research facility is an economic diversification that would perpetually benefit the people of the capital city as well as all the people of Alaska.

The American people suffered an emotional loss from the great oil spill into Alaska's pristine waters. Such ecological tragedies are difficult to quantify, but people everywhere would look up and appreciate knowing that culminating from this tragic disaster there arose a world-wide respected Research Educational Complex.

In conclusion, UAS and ABERI have estimated that a two-and-a-half million dollar donation to the University of Alaska Foundation will provide endowment income for a full professorship, overhead for the position, and inflation proofing in perpetuity. Three-and-a-half million dollars will generate enough revenue to support at least one graduate assistant in the program as well.

Members of the American Bald Eagle Foundation and the American Bald Eagle Research Institute strongly believe that the proposed academic chair for Bald Eagle Ecology at the University of Alaska Southeast would be a sound investment in the education and future of our youth, our state, and our country. We hope you will feel that our proposal would be appropriate usage of a relatively small portion of the Exxon Valdez oil spill settlement funds.

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Thank you for the serious consideration we hope you will give to this most important proposal.

Sincerely,

David E. Olerud Director

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As commercial fisherpersons we are personally witnessing and experiencing the dramatic and inexplicable decline in wild salmon populations and hatchery returns in Prince William Sound following the Exxon Valdez oil spill. Though little may be attempted to reverse causes or harm done, it is imperative that this opportunity to undertak conclusive scientific research and restorative efforts be grasped. Also vital to P.W.S. communities is the survival of the hatchery operations upon which thousands depend for future economic survival.

We believe that the following projects are of the utmost importance to the P.W.S. ecosystem and its communities and we ask that the Trustee Council support their funding.

Project 94320 Ecosystem Study Plan. It is evident that to determine the cause of and potentially correct population declines a comprehensiv approach must be taken. An understanding of ecosystem dynamics is necessary to identifying restorative potential and priorities. This projects whole-system approach is essential to finding answers.

Project 94421 Common Stock Hatchery Restoration. The decline of 421-fisheries has brought hardship to many including P.W.S. hatcheries which have been the life-blood of commercial fishers for many of the past years. Assuring the survival of the hatcheries is a first step in assuring the survival of fishermen and their communitie

Project 94163 Forage Fish Influence on Injured Species. Is it true that forage fish have redirected their feeding pressure onto pink the salmon and herring juveniles due to spill related declines in other prey populations? A large unanswered question remains concerning the role of forage/predator species on several spill injured species most notably herring and pink salmon along with several bird species.

Project 94259 Coghill Lake Sockeye Salmon Restoration. Coghill Lake has been performing far below historic levels. Lake fertilization 259 is a proven method of restoring lost productivity to a sockeye system. This project can provide significant near term benefit through increase sockeye production available to commercial and sport harvesters.

Project 94137 Stock ID of Chum, Sockeye, Chinook & Coho Salmon. 137-Tag recovery data from these species is essential to their appropriate management, assuring selective and desired harvest levels.

Project 94126 Habitat Acquisition and Project Fund. Critical habitat acquisition is supported as appropriate to restoration goals.

Project 94184 Coded Wire Tag Recoveries from Pinks in P.W.S.

This tag recovery information is vitally important in avoiding over harvesting of much reduced wild pink salmon stocks, a severely spill impacted species.

Project 94191 Oil Related Egg and Alevin Mortalities. 191-Y
The continuation of this project is essential in determining the cause and rate of persistent pink egg mortality in P.W.S.

Project 94187 Otolith Marking - In-Season Stock Separation.

Otolith marking is a valuable new tool in salmon identification and harvest management. Otolith marking will simplify aquaculture technique and significantly reduce costs.

Your consideration is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Owecke President

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Dear Council: It do time to do some projects that immediately helps the human Resource of the State that was damaged and continued to feel the damage It is important to directly get involved with helping rebuild the fish Stocks damaged directly or indirectly by the oil Spell. Thirfore, it is imperative to fund project 94421. Common stock Hatchery Restoration. 421-4 please de so This year. Steve Vank POB 103 Nivilchik, AK. 99639

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December 21, 1993

Dear Sirs; Of primary importance for the future health of the wild lands and waters of southeast Alaska, is for the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustees: to spend most of the fund money for buying private land from willing sellers. Keeping large blocks of land and water as wild and as natural as possible is the best way to wild and as natural as possible is the best way to restore and protect key habitat. Certainly, do tailed recovers and lilis 11. detailed resource and wildlife studies must be carried out now, and they must be continued over time. However, the costs of such research must not become a large and self-perpetuating activity (no more than about 15% for research). much more problematic are the proposed costs for administration such as #940 ED (Executive Director's Office) and the costs for public building such as # 94420 (Recreation Information Center at Portage). Administration costs and construction costs should be held at a minimum and should not be allowed to expand into a self-perpetuating and powerful group of people and interests. 420-N

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Additional Comments:

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The Trustees must always remember that habitat acquisition based on good research is what is needed now, today. Next comes good solid education for all the citizens who live in the project area. At the end of this ten year project, we do not need lots of new buildings or large piles of administrative paper Let us work to protect the land and water.

Sincerely, Grie and Orsenia Hansen Eric and Arsenia Hansen

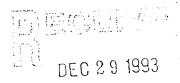
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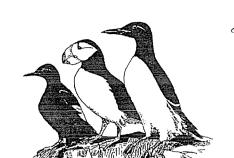
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Dear Trustee Council:

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This letter registers my strong support for the proposed Endowment for Restoration and Monitoring of Injury from the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill as recommended by the Public Advisory Group on 23 November 1993, but was not mentioned in the recently received Draft 1994 Work Plan.

As a former research professor, I know how valuable endowed chairs could be to the long term health of the oil spill affected area in southcoastal Alaska. The one major factor limiting long term ecological research necessary to a complete understanding of any ecosystem, is a lack of a guaranteed source of continuing funding. Researchers have to spend many hours seeking funds from government and private agencies, and their success is never guaranteed. Initiated critical research often has to be terminated because funds did not

The only way to establish a baseline, to learn how an ecosystem functions, to predict consequences of environmental disaster, and to assist in the recovery from disaster, is to conduct a long term ecosystem research program that is guaranteed to continue over many years. Such programs require a cadre of highly qualified professional scientists connected with an outstanding research institution which can provide the necessary logistic, administrative, and scientific support to carry out the research. The institution would also be able to encourage a series of graduate students to work with the scientists, thus promoting and extending interest in the work over time. Alaska is fortunate to have such an outstanding research institution in its University system to participate in and support these long term ecological research programs.

I urge you to seriously consider the inclusion of the necessary funds to establish the endowment program as presented in the PAG statement of 23 November as part of the 1994 allocation. Although some studies such as outlined in the Draft 1994 Work Plan are necessary to understand the immediate consequences of the 1989 spill, they alone are not enough to give us a thorough understanding of the Prince William Sound, Cook Inlet-Kachemak Bay, and Gulf of Alaska ecosystems. Long term ecosystem research is required, and the Endowment plan is the best way to assure its completion.

Sincerely,

George C. West, Ph.D.

Professor of

Zoophysiology, Emeritus

University of Alaska Fairbanks



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COMMENT SHEET EXXON VALDEZ RESTORATION 1994 DRAFT WORK PLAN

You are invited to share your ideas and comments on the Draft 1994 Work Plan. You may use this tear sheet to present your views. If needed, use the space on the back or attach additional sheets. Please fold, staple, and add a postage stamp. Thank you for your interest and participation. Comments must be postmarked by January 14, 1994.

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to support 139-19
projects 94139, 94345, and 421-19
94421 all of which should
benefit the salmon fisheries
on the Kenai Peninsula coast
Having fished these areas
for leighteen years I can
attest to the incredible drop-off
in salmon productivity since the
Exxon Valdez spill.

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In addition project 94417 seems to make good sense and I support it as well.

I am in opposition to project 199-N 94199 as it is presently configured, 1e, Marine World North.

Thank you.

Sincerely Philip I smudie Additional Comments:

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Philip Brudie

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EXXON VALDEZ TRUSTEE COUNCIL 645 "G" Street Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Council Members, and Chairperson,

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The Rainland Fly Casters supports Alternative "2" as identified in the draft Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Restoration Plan. As stated in this alternative, 91% of the remaining \$600 million dollars in the settlement fund would be focused upon habitat acquisition in the spill region.

Our organization urges this Council to prioritize lands adjacent to anadromous streams and rivers with an **emphasis on acquisition** for inclusion in state and federal conservation units such as parks and refuges.

Of particular importance is the acquisition of native in holdings within Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge, Kenai Fiords National Monument, and the expansion of the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge "Red Peaks" unit on Afognak Island. Such an acquisition would provide public access to many rivers and streams which are now closed. Additionally, acquisition would solidify state and federal management of the extremely critical habitats. Thank you for your genuine concern for these valuable resources that our American public must have access too!

Sincerely,

Don Y. Abing, Program Director

683 39th, Street

Astoria, Oregon 97103





940110023 Jan 7, 1994 Box 596 Cordova, alaska Expor Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Anchorage, alaska have been a lisherman Grine William Sound for 34 years and a member of the board of the since 1976. Through hard work, self sacrifice, and the expense both State and private Lund Two have developed a hatchery system which seel is mandatory for the economic survival of out regain. For whatever reason, that survival is now threatened and EWSAC go is facing possible extinction. linee the Copion Valder ail Spill, our runs have steadily decreased and the economic hardships to both GUSAC and fishermen have multipleed Whether this was caused by the direct

for certain, but it seems too coincidental to me that all of our troubles started after 1989. Without SWSAC, I am straid us fishermen cannot survive, and without your full support, I am afraid GWSAC longy not be able to survive. Curtheture is in your hands and surge you Imake the right decisions for the well being of GUSAC and the citizens (f) our area. While buying land in Seldovia and timber on Gognak may be viable optional for you, I feel that your full support of the people and resources most directly damaged by the Spill show Shank you for your attention. Lary Raymond

January 4, 1994

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council 645 G Street Anchorage, AK 99501

Re: Draft 1994 Work Plan

Members of the EVOS Trustee Council:

I am writing in support of EVOS Trustee Council funding for **Project Number 94421, Common Property Salmon Stock Restoration**, in the Draft 1994 Work Plan. In particular, I ask for full funding to maintain the existing salmon enhancement and restoration system operated in the Prince William Sound bioregion by the Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation (PWSAC).

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Because of the extent of the economic hardship in the region, it is also appropriate to ask the EVOS Trustee Council funds to repay the PWSAC debt to the State Aquaculture Revolving Loan Fund, in addition to the funding request for 1994.

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Please help the resources and the people of Prince William Sound recover. Thank you.

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Please help the resources, people and communities of Prince William Sound recover. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Interim City Manager

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EVOS Trustee Council Members:

I am writing to give my support to the proposed project $\gamma_2 - \gamma$ Number 94421, Common Property Salmon Stock Restoration.

I am a Prince William Sound (area E) commercial fisherman, I was also elected to serve on the Prince William Sound Aquaculture board of directors in 1992. I feel that the importance of PWSAC to the Fishermen, Processors, Communities, and the State of Alaska can not be understated. To the fishermen of Prince William Sound the Aquaculture Corp. is about all that is left on the sound, without the hatchery returns (as bad as they were) there would not have been any fishing for salmon in Prince William Sound for any user group in 1993. There is something wrong in the ecosystem of Prince William Sound, this is very apparent and this began with the Exxon Valdez oil spill. This goes well beyond the hardship that the fishermen have felt the past few years, the processors don't have the round pounds to make their plants run efficiently therefore the cannery workers have less hours leading to smaller paychecks. The communities of Prince William Sound suffer from loss of revenues. The merchants in the communities suffer from loss of sales therefore reducing communities revenues even further. If PWSAC is allowed to die due to lack of revenue the communities loose a large payroll and a major purchaser of goods and services.

We are still trying to assess the damage and how to correct it in the spill area, to allow the local aquacultures to fold at this time would do a diservice to the people of Alaska.

It seems to me that if it is found that restoration is needed to reestablish salmon in the affected areas then why let a successful rearing system fold and then most likely need to start over with a similar project at considerable larger cost.

Please consider all of the long term affects of allowing this program (PWSAC) to die when you vote on this funding. AD - γ

Thank you

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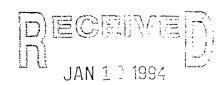






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LEW M. WILLIAMS, JR. 755 Grant Street Ketchikan, Alaska 99901

Jan. 3, 1994

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council 645 "G" Street Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Friends:

I have read the draft 1994 oil spill restoration plan and three things concern me:

1. I see nothing about putting a portion of the restoration funds into an endowment or some type of program similar to the state's Permanent Fund where the earnings from the endowment can pay for spill research well after the last payment is made by Exxon. I think common sense dictates that a portion of the money be set aside for the future. The money to do that is there because it is not possible to reasonably spend what is available each year, judging by the '94 and previous work plans.

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- 2. I see a program to acquire land but I see no efforts to make land trades to make the recovery funds go further and keep as many acres of the state as possible in private hands. Between the federal and state governments, too much of the state is government-owned. That is bad for a state which will need private development in future years to offset lost oil revenue. It adversely affects the economy of the spill area, as well as the rest of the state.
- 3. I note from other sources that some of the timber acreage the trustees are buying to protect habitat includes timber infested by the spruce bark beetle. That pest can adversely affects the quality of habitat and adversely affects restoration of species, for which

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study of the amount of beetle impact is warranted. A program to curb beetle infestation is necessary. And an intensive reforestation program is mandated. That means some type of tree nursery in the spill area with follow-up planting and thinning programs. That's ideal for small villages in the spill area. Some attention should be given to that. Reforestation is a long range project which means the Trusttes Council needs long range funds, another argument for some type of endowment program as mentioned in item 1, above.

Sincerely yours

Law M. Williams, Jr.

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