Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council

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MEMORANDUM

To:

Trustee Council Members

From:

Molly McQammon

Executive Director

Date:

May 26, 1999

Subject:

Request for emergency funds for outboard motors for Project 99163

(APEX)

Attached is a memorandum from Dr. David Irons of the US Fish and Wildlife Service requesting \$66,000 for the emergency purchase and installation of six 150-horsepower outboard motors to power 25-foot Boston Whalers used in the APEX project (Project 99163) in Prince William Sound. We have a FY 00 request for the purchase of these motors as part of Project 00159, marine bird boat surveys in Prince William Sound, and had tentatively recommended approval of that request as part of the FY 00 work plan. In trying to get his APEX crew out in the field this spring, however, Irons already has encountered serious problems and delay, as described in his memorandum. These outboard motors are needed for APEX field work this year (FY 99), marine bird boat surveys next year (FY 00), and probably for at least one more round of boat surveys after that (tentatively in FY 02). Thus, I have no question that the motors will be well used for Trustee Council purposes. Replacement of these motors is both a matter of accomplishing Trustee Council objectives and of safety for agency staff, and I recommend that this request be granted. Thank you.



United States Department of the Interior



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Memorandum

May 25, 1999

To:

Molly McCammon, Executive Director, EVOS Trustee Council

From:

David Irons, USFWS

Subject:

Request for emergency funds for outboard motors for the APEX project.

The APEX project uses seven 25' Boston Whalers. Each boat is powered by two 150 horsepower outboard motors. Typically, these motors run for 2000 hours and are replaced. We currently have three boats with outboard motors that have been run for ~3000 hours. I did not replace these motors yet because I was trying to save money and squeeze one more year out of them, my plan is not working. The motors are not running well, in fact some of them are hardly running at all. We have already lost a week of work on one project because of outboard motor mechanical failures. We are facing a decision of whether to replace motors or potentially lose many more weeks of field work this summer. My plan was to wait until this fall to replace motors on three boats that would be used on the year 2000 marine boat survey. I have submitted a proposal with new motors in the budget. However, given the mechanical problems that we are having now, I request emergency funding to replace the motors as soon as possible this year, rather than wait until fiscal year 2000. Thank you for your consideration.

Cost

 $10,000/motor \times 6 = 60,000$ $2,000/installation/boat \times 3 = 6,000$

Total

\$66,000



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