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THE EYAK CORPORATION  
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September 21, 1993

VIA FACSIMILE - (907) 586-7840

James Wolf  
Acting Regional Forester  
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Re: Eyak/EVOS Timber Buyout Proposal

Dear Mr. Wolf:

You have requested that I put into writing the proposal of the Eyak Corporation and Sherstone, Inc. (collectively "Eyak") to the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustees Council ("Council") after our proposal on Thursday, September 16, and our attempts to negotiate closure to this transaction over the following weekend, and after the Eyak and Sherstone Board of Directors meetings held on Sunday, September 19.

After these events, Eyak's proposal is essentially as it was on Thursday, September 16, except that the Board of Directors has evaluated the circumstances concerning public access and the inability of the federal government to protect Eyak and its property from events arising from public access, and has determined not to be obligated to extend public access to its lands. In essence, the proposal is as follows:

1. Core Tracts. Eyak would make available fee title or a restrictive conservation easement to Power Creek, Eyak Lake, and the Lower Eyak River, for \$21.4 million or fair market value, as proposed. This is the original Eyak proposal and it is unchanged.

Eyak's intention to cut timber in this area was the original motivating force to bring Eyak and the Council together and this part of the transaction achieves important restoration goals of the Council. The acreage in the core tracts is quite large, and, even without the rest of this transaction, is equivalent to the transactions which the Council has entered into at Kodiak and Kachemak Bay.

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Eyak is willing to enter into this transaction separate from the rest of the transaction.

2. "Other Lands" Option. The Council would have an option on the commercial timber rights, at fair market value; the core and the other lands would be capped at \$50 million total, on the "Other Lands" north and west of Shepard Point, including Knight Island, and from the Rude River to Port Gravina. This is also the original proposal and is unchanged.

This offer extends to a very large tract of lands, from 39,000 to 61,000 acres depending on the status of Eyak's selections in the area. The Board remains willing to convey only commercial timber rights in this area. Eyak believes that this proposal extends a very high level protection and achieves the restoration goals of the Council in a very extensive area, unavailable in any other way to the Council.

In analyzing the significance of a commercial timber sale, there has been discussion with the Council concerning whether a Wal-Mart store, or a nuclear waste dump, might be constructed in one of the bays in Prince William Sound. We believe the real environmental threat in the Sound is primarily from commercial timber harvesting. The purchase of commercial timber rights is the most effective way (and indeed, the only way) of serving the restoration goals of the Council on such a large tract of lands.

3. Public Access. Eyak continues to make the core tracts available to public access. However, the Eyak position has changed on public access to the "Other Lands." This is an issue which has nothing to do with the restoration goals of the Council. Rather, public access is a policy goal of agencies, which in essence turns private property into public lands. Eyak is only selling commercial timber harvest rights to the "Other Lands," not the lands themselves, and so public access is not a necessary adjunct of this transaction.

Eyak currently holds its lands open to the public and has done so for twenty years. It intends to continue to do so, but it wishes to control public access to its lands itself.

The U.S. Forest Service has stated that it has but one law enforcement ranger (or soon, two) to serve the Chugach National Forest area from Seward to Yakutat, including the Eyak lands, and that it cannot guarantee that it will be able to police public access to Eyak lands in any significant manner. In the past, Eyak has had trouble with littering and dumping, theft of timber and other damage to its property, including acts of vandalism. In addition, the U.S. Forest Service informs Eyak that it will not be able to fully indemnify Eyak for litigation or damages resulting from forced public access to its lands. In

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essence, if public access is forced, then Eyak loses control of access to its lands to the government, the government cannot protect Eyak, and Eyak assumes the liabilities on behalf of the government. The Board of Directors of Eyak and Sherstone are unwilling to accept this kind of transaction.

If there were a concrete proposal for funding of policing and protection of Eyak's interests on a perpetual basis (perpetual, because public access rights would also be perpetual), perhaps Eyak would be willing to reconsider its position. Absent that, Eyak's position is no forced public access.

4. Earnest Money. In addition, we discussed over the weekend an agreed-upon mechanism for the provision to Eyak of sufficient cash to extricate itself from the logging business. Our proposal, agreed to by the federal and state negotiators we met with, was for Eyak to be paid \$2 million within 30 days of today's date, and then \$5.5 million within about 45 days of today's date, collateralized by timber at Power Creek and/or Orca. The state and federal negotiators say that if they are directed to do so by the Council, they will find a way to obtain this money in this time.

As has been true since the beginning of this negotiation, payment of funds in these amounts and at these times is necessary for Eyak to cease its cutting activities immediately. The timber cutting problem we face at Orca Narrows is a "chicken and egg" problem -- we cannot cut in any economic fashion for a short period of time at Orca because the front-end costs of road construction and staging are such that a more extended cut is necessary for it to be economic. We very much believe that the most appropriate way to go forward from this stage is not to cut at all, and instead receive earnest money payments from the Council. The payments to Eyak would be secured by timber, as has been previously been agreed, at Power Creek. However, I understand that there may be a technical difference between the sort of timber appraisal we have available at that site and what the U.S. Forest Service appraiser may require. A different and more acceptable sort of appraisal may be available at Orca Narrows. Therefore, Eyak would make available timber at Power Creek and/or Orca Narrows to secure the transaction. We would expect to make timber available in excess of the obligation for a short period of time until an appraisal could be completed or verified, and then reduce the amount of timber dedicated to this purpose to the amount of the earnest money transaction, with Eyak retaining timber in economic logging units.

We believe it is preferable for the Council to take timber at Power Creek, so that the Council will have a strong incentive to exercise its "Other Lands" option.

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5. Specific Easement Sites. After Thursday's Council meeting, the parties negotiated at great length protections desired by the Council's staff at Olson and Parshas Bays, at Upper Sheep Bay, and at Windy Bay on the backside of Knight Island. There was a significant lack of understanding between us and the Council's staff when we initially agreed to consider this proposal because Eyak understood these to be small and limited sites, and what we saw on the maps were entire ecosystems and drainages on which restrictive easements or fee title was sought. These areas constitute high interest areas to Eyak's shareholders, and constitute much of the developable land Eyak owns on the Sound. Over the weekend, we sought to minimize the areas impacted by these proposals and to maximize the ability of Eyak to develop these lands. After our efforts, the Board of Directors determined that it did not wish to entertain even the reduced levels of restriction on such large quantities of land as were left in the proposal.

It is not that Eyak possesses present development plans with respect to these sites. Rather, the issue is Eyak's ability to control now, and in the future, its destiny and its lands.

Eyak will agree to a non-binding consultation with the U.S. Forest Service or the Council prior to undertaking any major development in these areas. This will facilitate their protection in a manner consistent with Eyak's goals by assisting a rational and fully-informed land planning process.

6. Summary. We hope the Council understands that the proposals made with respect to Eyak's lands are unprecedented in terms of Native land holdings: Eyak's total land entitlement is about 120,000 acres, while the core lands transaction is about 13,000 acres, and the "Other Lands" transaction encompasses from 39,000 to 61,000 acres. If the transaction is only 52,000 acres, the transaction significantly impacts in excess of 43 percent of Eyak's lands. However, a very significant portion of Eyak's lands is not developable (for instance, the 40,000 acre tract on the Copper River, the logged over lands near the airport, and the significant portion of everything else that constitutes mountains). Thus, transaction discussed here impacts virtually all of Eyak's developable lands.

For this reason, Eyak is very wary of any proposal to increase restrictions on the development of what is essentially all of its developable land. Within these constraints, Eyak's proposal achieves the Council's restoration goals to the maximum possible extent.

I hope the foregoing explains Eyak's proposal as slightly modified over the weekend.

Sincerely yours,

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RE: PWSCORS Time Sensitive Projects

Dear Exxon Valdez Trustee Council Members:

At every meeting of the Prince William Sound Communities Organized to Restore the Sound (PWSCORS), habitat acquisition has been identified as a time sensitive project.

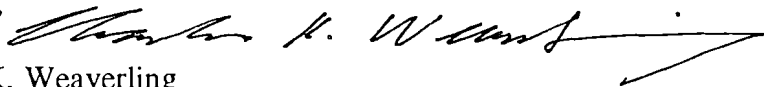
The Prince William Sound Communities Organized to Restore the Sound (PWSCORS) recognizes the importance of upland habitats to many of the species and services impacted by the oil spill including archaeological resources, tourism, commercial fisheries, subsistence, recreation, river otter, sockeye and pink salmon, cut-throat trout, dolly varden, harlequin ducks, marbled murrelets, and bald eagles.

PWSCORS strongly supports the use of restoration funds to acquire critical habitat from willing sellers for the purpose of protecting habitat for the impacted species and services. Acquisitions should, whenever possible, include contiguous areas such as entire watersheds or tidal marshes in order to maximize the number of resources and services benefitting from the protected habitat.

We request inclusion of habitat acquisition in your list of projects for review by the Restoration Team and the public.

We strongly urge that a significant portion of the Habitat Protection and Acquisition Fund be allocated to the attached proposals in the 1993 work plan and beyond.

Sincerely,



Charles K. Weaverling  
Chair - PWSCORS Steering Committee

PWSCORS Steering Committee Members

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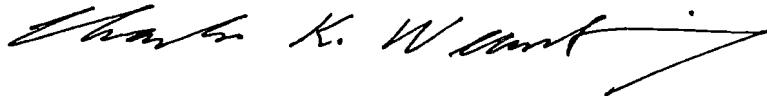
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Dear EVOS Trustee Council Member:

- The Prince William Sound Communities Organized to Restore the Sound (PWSCORS) recognizes the importance of coastal uplands to the many species and resource services injured by the Exxon Valdez oil spill. We strongly support the Trustee Council's aggressive pursuit of a comprehensive habitat acquisition/protection plan on Eyak Corporation lands. We consider the protection of these lands with EVOS settlement funds essential to the comprehensive recovery of the Sound from oil spill damages.

The urgency of your attention to this proposal cannot be overstated. It is our understanding that this is a "now or never" deal. We strongly urge you to treat this imminently threatened area as a high priority and take positive actions on it.

Sincerely,



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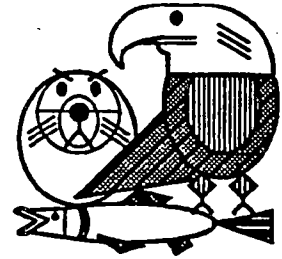
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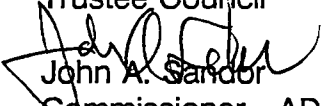
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May 12, 1993

To: Trustee Council  
From:   
John A. Sandoz  
Commissioner - ADEC

Subject: Shoreline Assessment Project (93038) Update

This is an interim status report on the 1993 Shoreline Assessment Project (93038). The 3 page description in the 1993 Draft Work Plan is the guiding document to develop the detailed project description.

It is very important that the Shoreline Assessment Project be done so that the results will be accepted by all of the Agencies and the public. To maintain the credibility of the Shoreline Assessment Project, the project will continue the process employed in the three previous years. Accordingly, I propose that the Coast Guard and the Department of Environmental Conservation again jointly coordinate the Shoreline Assessment Project. The Coast Guard and the Department of Environmental Conservation will attempt to continue using personnel involved in the response since the early days of the spill.

When the 3 page description was written for the 1993 Draft Work Plan, no funds were included in the project to cover Coast Guard participation since it was not clear whether they would be able to take part in the assessment. Since their participation is now planned, I propose we authorize \$15,000 to cover their expenses. I would leave it to staff to determine the mechanism to pass them the money. A detailed budget would be developed for their money as part of the detailed project description. They have agreed to return whatever funds are not used.

We still need to mesh Trustee Agency personnel with the disciplines that are necessary to carry out the project as in previous years. We will start that coordination as soon as possible. We also need to coordinate with the upland landowners and affected communities which will be started as soon as we have an approved detailed project description.

Lastly, I suggest we invite Exxon to participate in the assessment. It is important to have all points of view represented.

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#### Trustee Agencies

State of Alaska: Departments of Fish & Game, Law, and Environmental Conservation

United States: National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration, Departments of Agriculture and Interior



## **EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

**Project Number:** 93038

**Project Title:** Shoreline Assessment

**Project Category:** Restoration Monitoring

**Project Type:** Coastal Habitat

**Lead Agency:** Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation

**Cooperating Agencies:** Trustee Agencies

**Project Term:** January 1, 1993 to September 30, 1993

### **INTRODUCTION**

Shorelines treated during spill response activities need to be monitored to ensure recovery is proceeding at an acceptable rate and that winter storms have not brought subsurface oil to the surface. Shorelines treated in 1992 and other potentially oiled sites need to be evaluated to determine if the shorelines responded to treatment, or if additional treatment is required to restore resources and services. Technical experts with *Exxon Valdez* spill experience from the state and federal agencies along with the local communities will evaluate impacted shorelines for the presence of *Exxon Valdez* hydrocarbons. The evaluation will document the amount of remaining hydrocarbons and determine if the remaining oil impacts shoreline activities.

This project is divided into two phases. Phase 1 is the physical survey of selected shorelines. This project will use the assessment procedures developed and refined during the *Exxon Valdez* spill clean up. Agency surveyors and upland landowners will evaluate shorelines and determine if additional activities would be of net benefit to restore resources and services. Phase 2 is the restoration of land and resource uses, if necessary. Light duty restoration activities would be performed during and after the survey by the surveyors where feasible. Larger scale treatment work, if necessary, would be identified on work orders and restoration crews from Chenega, Port Graham or other areas would be hired to perform the identified work.

This project will assess *Exxon Valdez* impacted shorelines in Prince William Sound and the Gulf of Alaska. The principal areas are Knight, Latouche, Evans, Elrington, Green, and Disk Islands in Prince William Sound and Tonsina Bay, Windy Bay, and Chugach Bay in the Gulf of Alaska. These areas are in proximity to Chenega Village, Whittier, Port Graham, Seward and Homer.

### **WHAT**

The overall purpose of the project is to ensure that shorelines have recovered sufficiently to facilitate normal shoreline activities. The project objectives are to assess the shoreline hydrocarbon concentrations and, where appropriate, to carry out necessary treatment either during the survey or following the survey using local work crews to perform the identified work.

The shoreline assessment will utilize the process developed and refined since the 1989 spill:

1. Survey shorelines for the presence of *Exxon Valdez* hydrocarbons.
2. Determine if resource uses are affected by hydrocarbons.
3. Perform light duty manual treatment to restore resource use if necessary and feasible.
4. Write work orders for local crews to treat the shoreline if necessary.
5. Document field activities.

## WHY

This project will assess shorelines and determine if resources and services are still impacted and the need for additional treatment, if any. The public, land owners, and resource managers need to have current and accurate field information for operation and management. If resources are impacted and need to be restored, technical experts need to survey the sites and determine the best course of action to correct the problem and not cause further damage. Impacts on resources will be corrected and resource use will be restored. Public complaints about the presence of hydrocarbons can be assessed and addressed through the framework of this project.

Information collected by this project will assist Trustee Council review of other projects submitted for funding. This project will provide current, accurate information about shoreline conditions that will help with funding decisions for other activities. Accurate field information will be used by Restoration Team members to identify areas with persistent hydrocarbon concentrations that may slow restoration activities.

## HOW

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, in conjunction with the other Trustee Agencies and in consultation with the U. S. Coast Guard, will review the 1992 shoreline survey information and produce a list of subdivisions to be surveyed in 1993. This list will then be circulated to subsistence users by Project 93017 (Subsistence) and to land owners and resource managers to identify additional sites to be included on the 1993 survey. Agency personnel will review the proposed survey list and ensure that oiling conditions at each segment warrant an assessment. The survey list will be prioritized based on resources affected and projected oil concentrations. For planning purposes, we have assumed that 80 sites or less will be recommended for survey. After a final list is developed, the survey list will be sent to land and resource agencies for their approval and clearance to assess the sites.

**Phase 1** is the physical survey of the shorelines. Agency technical experts and the upland owners will assess the shoreline segments and document oiling conditions. The survey team will be berthed on a vessel and use skiffs to access the shoreline. Float planes will provide logistics support. Previous *Exxon Valdez* surveys have used these logistics as the most cost effective and time efficient support structure. Agency representatives will be chosen for their environmental and habitat experience. Each person will have extensive *Exxon Valdez* spill experience. Surveys will be conducted daily during both low tide windows with appropriate weather and light conditions. Field information will be recorded on forms previously generated during *Exxon Valdez* surveys to facilitate comparison and familiarity of the existing databases.

## Project Descriptions

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**Phase 2** is the restoration of resources and services, if necessary. Agency personnel with input from the landowner will determine if treatment is necessary based on established State and Federal standards. Such a determination would include consideration of the resources impacted by the oil, the area and concentration of remaining oil, the cost effectiveness and technical feasibility to treat the oil, the services such as subsistence provided by the shoreline segment, and a reasonable expectation that the treatment will not cause more damage than allowing the oil to remain in place. Such a determination would be made by the Agencies in consultation with the Chief Scientist. The State On-Scene Coordinator will resolve disagreements between Agencies. Any light duty restoration work that is determined to be necessary would be completed during and after the survey by the surveyors which have proven to be the most cost effective method of treatment. Additional restoration treatment would be identified with work orders and the treatment will be performed using local work crews. Necessary treatment would usually consist of hand labor using shovels, rakes, and bags. A determination of appropriate restoration activities, if any, to be done in oiled mussel beds would be based upon results from the 1992 mussel bed study (R-103), the 1993 spring survey of project 93036 (Monitoring of Oiled Mussel Beds), and other completed and ongoing damage assessment and restoration studies. Any treatment work done in oiled mussel beds will be conducted in conjunction with Project 93036 to ensure appropriate treatment methods are used and to monitor the effectiveness of treatment.

The need for shoreline treatment work, if any, in 1993 cannot be determined until the 1993 shoreline assessment is completed and the results of several damage assessment and restoration studies become available this winter and next spring. Because of the necessity of preplanning logistics support, we will assume limited treatment work will be necessary. If treatment is found not to be necessary, the logistics support will not be used, and the money will be returned to the Trustee Council for use in other restoration activities. If treatment is found to be necessary at a level greater than initially authorized, we will request additional funds from the Trustee Council to expand the effort.

Surveyors and work crews will be required to attend Hazwoper training.

Wastes generated during restoration activities will require treatment at approved facilities.

### ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

As in prior years, permits and notifications will be required by several permitting agencies. All permits will be obtained prior to commencement of field work.

**WHEN**

The duration of this project will be determined by yearly surveys of contaminated sites. The project will be recommended for termination as soon as conditions warrant. Funds expended in 1993 will be proportional to the amount of restoration work necessary. Unexpended funds will be returned for use on other projects in later years. If work is necessary in future years, milestones would be similar for each year. Costs would vary in future years due to the size of the survey and type of restoration activities.

January 15 - February 15, 1993	Solicit input from landowners and resource agencies on sites to be surveyed.
March 1, 1993	Produce final list of survey sites for Trustees.
March 7, 1993	Submit request for bids for vessel and float plane.
March 30, 1993	Receive approvals from land and resource agencies to access shoreline for survey and restoration activities.
April 15, 1993	Secure contracts for vessel and float plane.
May 15, 1993	Surveyors, landowner representatives, and work crews receive Hazwoper training.
June 1 - July 15, 1993	Perform survey.
August 15, 1993	Complete restoration activities, if any.
September 30, 1993	Complete report and documentation.

**BUDGET (\$K)**

	ADEC	ADF&G	ADNR	USFS	USDOI	NOAA	TOTAL
Personnel	\$ 147.1	\$ 10.0	\$ 10.0	\$ 10.0	\$ 10.0	\$ 10.0	\$ 197.1
Travel	6.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.0
Contractual	252.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	252.1
Commodities	16.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.5
Equipment	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0
Capital Outlay	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>
Sub-total	\$ 426.7	\$ 10.0	\$ 10.0	\$ 10.0	\$ 10.0	10.0	\$ 478.7
General Administration	<u>36.5</u>	<u>1.5</u>	<u>1.5</u>	<u>1.5</u>	<u>1.5</u>	<u>1.5</u>	<u>44.0</u>
Project Total	\$ 463.2	\$ 11.5	\$ 11.5	\$ 11.5	\$ 11.5	\$ 11.5	\$ 520.7



## United States Department of the Interior

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July 7, 1993

Dave Gibbons  
Interim Administrative Director  
EVOS Trustee Council  
645 G Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Dr. Gibbons:

As requested in your June 29, 1993 memorandum, the Department of the Interior has reviewed the "1994 Work Plan Project List". We believe that the following two actions need to be taken prior to the release of the 1994 Draft Work Plan to the public for review and comment:

- \* The Trustee Council needs to identify a dollar amount for Project #126, Habitat Protection and Acquisition Fund". DOI recommends that \$75 million be allocated to this project in 1994.
- \* The Trustee Council should assure that all proposed projects have undergone a coordinated federal/state legal review to ensure that all proposed projects meet the requirements of the civil settlement decree.

Please call me at 271-5011, if you have any questions or require additional information. I will be available the remainder of this week, if a Trustee Council teleconference is required to resolve comments on this list.

Sincerely,

Paul D. Gates  
Acting DOI Trustee Council  
Representative

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MEMORANDUM

EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL  
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To: Trustee Council

From: Jim Ayers  
Executive Director

Date: December 10, 1993

Subj: Administrative Matters

As discussed during the November 30, 1993, EVOS Trustee Council meeting, I have been tasked with improving the organization and efficiency of the efforts of the Trustee Council, as well as with reducing administrative costs by at least 15%. I need your assistance in accomplishing these tasks. Please note:

1. An agency liaison/restoration work force person and support personnel should be identified. This work force will be tasked with assisting in the development and implementation of an ecosystem approach to restoration planning, as well as with development of the agency's annual work plan. It would be helpful for your liaison to have technical expertise as well as be capable of work production. Based on preliminary conversations, it appears that most agencies will be able to accomplish these tasks by using two Full Time Equivalents (FTEs), not to exceed \$200,000 in personnel costs over a 12 month period and with a corresponding reduction in travel and per diem costs. As approved by the Trustees November 30, any administrative vacancies must be approved by the Executive Director. Previously established work groups are dissolved, and the new management structure will be fully implemented by March 1, 1994. The Habitat work force will be accomplished through Project 110, pending a revision of its budget.

Timeframe: Names to be submitted to Jim Ayers by December 17, 1993.

2. Your agency liaison or your administrative officer will be asked to work with the Director of Operations in developing a revised Administrative budget for FY 94 and an administrative budget for FY 95. This budget will include the following components: Executive Director's Office (including the PAG and administration); Operations; Chief Scientist; and Restoration Work Force.

Timeframe: Budget information for FY 94 to be developed by January 7, 1994.

3. Your agency liaison will be asked to provide an update on the status of your agency's respective Trustee projects. The Director of Operations will be coordinating this report with the Chief Scientist.

Timeframe: Review to be completed by January 7, 1994.

4. In order to reconcile our records, your agency liaison will be asked to provide an inventory of all assets with value greater than \$500 that have been purchased using EVOS trust funds, either directly or indirectly, using the following format: Serial Number; Tag Number; Class; Description; Value; Pending Source Document; Acquisition Date; Location; User; Lost or Disposed. Your agency will be asked to describe the inventory system you currently have in place for items of lesser value.

Timeframe: Inventory to be submitted to Molly McCammon by January 7, 1994.

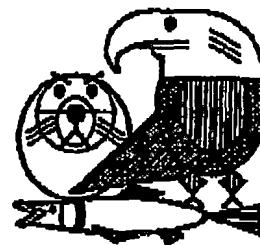
I would appreciate your assistance with these matters. Please feel free to call if you have any questions.

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TO: Trustee Council  
THRU: *Ken Halbrook*  
Dave Gibbons, Interim  
Administrative Director  
  
FROM: Jerome Montague & Ken Rice  
Co-Chairs  
1994 Work Plan Work Group

DATE: April 12, 1993  
FILE NO.: RT 1.11  
TELEPHONE NO.: 465-4125  
SUBJECT: Potential Restoration  
Projects for 1994

Pursuant to the decisions made at the March 29, 1993, Trustee Council meeting regarding the 1994 Work Plan, attached is the requested document. This document is comprised of a letter to the public, a list of potential projects, and the summary of injuries. Two formats are provided, one with columns for each year, and one with simply 1994 and future years. We will need your comments by close of business April 13th. You may fax your comments to the 1994 Work Plan Work Group at 276-7178 or call Jerome Montague at 465-4125 or Ken Rice at 221-2751. We intend to start printing on April 16th.

Attachments

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United States: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Departments of Agriculture and

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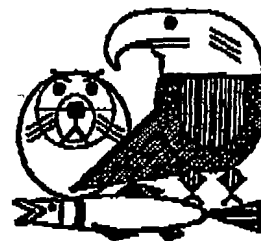


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April 19, 1993

Dear Concerned Citizen:

The Trustee Council is in the process of developing the 1994 program of work to help restore the resources and services injured by the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill. Attached is a list of titles for potential restoration projects for 1994 which are being considered for this program. These potential projects have been derived from the following sources:

- (1) Public comments on the Restoration Framework (an April 1992 restoration discussion document),
- (2) Public comment on the 1992 and 1993 work plans,
- (3) Federal and state trustee agency recommendations,
- (4) Other solicited and unsolicited public comments,
- (5) Projects identified by the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Public Advisory Group (PAG),
- (6) Projects suggested by individuals testifying at Trustee Council meetings,
- (7) Projects identified by the Chief Scientist and selected peer reviewers.

Please review and comment on this list of potential projects. It may be difficult for you to comment on the projects because of the limited information available. However, you are being asked to comment now so that you have an opportunity to influence the projects that are selected for inclusion in the draft 1994 Work Plan. Project descriptions of these titles will be developed for the draft 1994 Work Plan which will be released for public comment this summer. After reviewing those public comments, the Trustee Council will select the projects to be conducted in 1994.

Please check the columns on the right hand side of the attached table to indicate whether a project should be conducted and when. Additional space has been provided under each resource name in the table for new project titles. Be sure to note in the appropriate column the injured resource or service and the restoration option/suboption your project title addresses. Titles should be as complete and meaningful as possible. Please indicate the geographic area in which the project would be conducted. Your cost estimates and duration may be preliminary estimates and subject to change as are ours. A paragraph explaining your new proposed project would be useful to make sure we understand what you are proposing. Summary of injury tables are attached as background information to assist your deliberations on selecting desirable restoration projects.

Not all potential projects can be funded in 1994. Between \$100 to \$140 million may be available for 1994 projects, depending upon reimbursements for past expenses. No decision has been made on the total amount that will be spent for the 1994 program of work (October 1, 1993 through September 30, 1994).

The \$900 million civil recovery from the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill is to be paid over a 10 year period. In September 1993, a \$100 million payment will occur, and, from 1994 through 2001, yearly payments of \$70 million will be made. Presently about \$650 million of the settlement is still uncommitted and can be used for restoration activities.

A Restoration Plan is being developed as a long-term guide to the restoration and enhancement of the resources and services injured by the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill. The Restoration Plan will be used to guide the selection of specific projects to be included in each annual work plan. A draft Restoration Plan is expected to be available in June 1993; the final version will be published by the end of 1993.

There is a 30-day period to review and comment on the enclosed potential project titles. To make sure your comments are considered, they must be postmarked by May 20, 1993. Please return your comments to:

Exxon Valdez Trustee Council  
1994 Work Plan Work Group  
645 "G" Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Thank you.

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# Alaska State Legislature

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S & COMMISSION RECORD

MAR 25 1993

Dear Mr. Babcock:

President Halford made the following appointments on March 11, 1993:

**Alaska Code Revision Commission**  
Senator Taylor

**Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Areas**  
Senator Sharp  
Senator Jacko  
Thyes Shaub, public member  
Kathleen Weeks, public member

**Telecommunications Information Council**  
Senator Rieger


**Joint Federal-State Commission on Policies and Programs  
Affecting Alaska Natives**  
Senator Jacko

**Alaska Aerospace Development Corporation**  
Senator Frank

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**Seafood Marketing Institute Board, Alaska**  
Senator Jacko (ex-officio member)

**EXXON Valdez Oil Spill Settlement Trustee Council**  
Senator Pearce (ex-officio)

  
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# MEMORANDUM

## STATE OF ALASKA Department of Administration

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EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL  
TRUSTEE COUNCIL  
ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD

Subject: First Quarter 1993 Report for the Oil Surcharge Account

AS 43.55.230(b) requires that I report to you the difference between the cumulative amount received in the General Fund Oil Surcharge account and the cumulative amount expended from the Oil and Hazardous Substance Release Response Fund (OHSRRF) on a quarterly basis.

AS 43.55.230(c) provides that you suspend imposition and collection of the surcharge when the cumulative revenue of the General Fund Surcharge account equals or exceeds the cumulative amount expended from the OHSRRF by \$50,000,000. For the quarter ended March 31, 1993, the amount expended from the OHSRRF exceeded the revenue of the General Fund Oil Surcharge account by \$12,001,425. The calculation is as follows:

Oil Surcharge Account cumulative revenue	\$100,830,066
Oil and Hazardous Substance Release Response Fund cumulative expenditures	<u>112,831,491</u>
Difference AS 43.55.230 (b)	<u>-\$ 12,001,425</u>

If you have any questions, please call Weldon Blackwell of the Division of Finance at 465-2240.

cc: John A. Sander  
Commissioner  
Department of Environmental Conservation

Don Wania, Director  
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Following is a report showing the amount that the Oil and Hazardous Substance Release Response Fund has been expended by expenditures....

# Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council

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TO: Trustee Council

FROM: Dave R. Gibbons *dg*  
Interim Administrative Director

EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL  
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SUBJECT: Actions Concerning the Development of the 1994 Work Plan

On June 29th, I sent to each of you a draft list of 1994 project titles for your review and comment by July 7th. Your changes to the draft listing are incorporated into the new listing enclosed. The 61 projects identified on this list will be developed into the draft 1994 Work Plan. This draft plan will be provided to you in early September for your action during the September 16th Trustee Council Meeting. Your specific changes were:

1. Lead agency change from the Alaska Department of Fish & Game to the U.S. Forest Service for:

Project 139 - Instream Habitat & Stock Restoration Techniques for Salmon

Project 43 - Cutthroat Trout & Dolly Varden Restoration in PWS

2. Lead agency change from the Alaska Department of Natural Resources to U.S. Forest Service for:

Project 217 - Implement Prince William Sound Area Recreation Plan

3. Lead Agency change from U.S. Forest Service to Alaska Department of Natural Resources for:

Project 316 - Shoreline Trash Cleanup for Oil Spill Area

4. Withdrawal of Project 209 - Green Island Cabin Replacement

5. Movement of the following projects from the second priority list to the first priority list:

Project 137 - Stock Identification of Chum, Sockeye and Chinook Salmon in PWS

## Trustee Agencies

State of Alaska: Departments of Fish & Game, Law, and Environmental Conservation  
United States: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Departments of Agriculture, and Interior

Project 83 - Monitoring of Natural Recovery of Oiled & Treated Shorelines

Project 320 - Baseline Scientific Research - Ecosystem Study Plan

Project 187 - Otolith Marking - Inseason Stock Separation Tool to Reduce Wild Salmon Exploitation

Project 280 - Spot Shrimp Survey & Juvenile Spot Shrimp Habitat Identification

6. Movement of the following project to the first priority list:

Project 25 - Fishery Industrial Technology Center

Subsequently, at the July 15-16 Public Advisory Group meeting, a resolution was passed to include Project 25 to the list of projects for inclusion into the 1994 Draft Work Plan.

7. A request was made to identify \$75 million dollars for Project 126 Habitat Protection/Acquisition Fund. The Restoration Team and I are recommending that this specific topic be included on your September 16th Trustee Council Agenda for discussion and decision along with the other 1994 draft work plan projects before the draft plan is released for public comment.

The Restoration Team at its July 9th meeting identified cooperating agencies for each project which is identified on the new project list.

The list of project titles has been supplied to agency legal counsel for review. Initial feedback has been that before any legal opinions can be offered, more information on the specific projects is needed. To accommodate this, I suggest providing a copy of the draft 1994 Work Plan to legal counsel simultaneously with providing you a copy prior to the September meeting. At this meeting, legal input can be incorporated into the draft plan before it is released to the public for comment.

cc: Restoration Team  
State and Federal Legal Counsel

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ID	RESOURCE	PROJECT TITLE	COST	RT VOTE	LEAD AGENCY	COOPERATING AGENCIES	NEPA LEAD/FEDERAL
7	Archaeology	Site-specific Archaeological Restoration - Interagency	\$300	5	ADNR	ADNR, USFS, USFWS	USFS
386	Archaeology	Artifact Repository & Cultural Centers, Planning, Site Selection & Design-Oilspill Area	\$250	4	ADNR	DOI, USFS	USFS
15	Archaeology	Archaeological Site Stewardship Program	\$194	3	ADNR	DOI, USFS	DOI
25	Commercial Fish	Fisheries Industrial Technology Center	\$3,500	--	ADNR		NOAA
345	Commercial Fish	Evaluation and Enumeration Projects for the Streams on the Lower Kenai Peninsula	\$250	5	ADF&G		DOI
137	Commercial Fish	Stock Identification of Chum, Sockeye, and Chinook Salmon in PWS	\$250	2	ADF&G		NOAA
139	Commercial Fish	Instream Habitat and Stock Restoration Techniques for Salmon	\$480	4	USFS	ADF&G	USFS
39	Common Murre	Common Murre Population Monitoring	\$191	6	DOI		DOI
41	Common Murre	Removal of Introduced Predators from Chirikof and Little Koniuj Islands	\$150	4	DOI		DOI
40	Common Murre	Education Program to Reduce Disturbance Near Murre Colonies	\$40	3	DOI		DOI
43	Cutthroat/Dolly Varden	Cutthroat Trout and Dolly Varden Habitat Restoration in PWS, 4 Projects	\$200	5	USFS	ADF&G	USFS
290	General	Hydrocarbon Data Analysis and Interpretation	\$105	6	NOAA		NOAA
417	General	Waste Oil Disposal Facilities and Hazardous Waste Disposal Plan	\$500	4	ADEC		USFS
199	General	Seward Sea Life Center	\$25,000	4	ADNR		NOAA
64	Harbor Seal	Harbor Seals Habitat Use, Monitoring, Population Modelling, & Information Synthesis	\$230	6	ADF&G		NOAA
66	Harlequin Duck	Harlequin Duck Recovery Monitoring	\$200	6	ADF&G		DOI
83	Intertidal	Monitoring of Natural Recovery of Oiled and Treated Shorelines	\$600	2	NOAA		NOAA
68	Intertidal	Deposit Sand on Cleaned Beaches to Promote Clam Recruitment-Feasibility Study	\$20	5	ADF&G		NOAA
86	Intertidal	Herring Bay Experimental and Monitoring Studies	\$495	5	ADF&G		NOAA
81	Intertidal	Monitoring for Recruitment of Littleneck Clams	\$186	4	ADF&G	NOAA	NOAA
70	Intertidal	Restoration of High-Intertidal Fucus	\$300	3	ADF&G		NOAA
90	Intertidal	Restoration of Mussel Beds	\$500	3	NOAA	ADEC, DOI	NOAA
92	Killer Whale	Recovery Monitoring of Killer Whales in PWS through Photo-Identification	\$120	6	NOAA		NOAA
102	Marbled Murrelets	Monitor Recovery of Marbled Murrelets Throughout Oil Spill Area	\$250	6	DOI		DOI
110	Multiple Resources	Habitat Protection, Data Acquisition and Support	\$400	6	ADNR	ADEC, ADF&G, DOI, USFS	USFS
126	Multiple Resources	Habitat Protection and Acquisition Fund	TBD	6	ADNR	DOI, USFS	USFS
266	Multiple Resources	Shoreline Oil Removal	\$500	6	ADEC	ADEC, ADF&G, DOI, USFS, NOAA	NOAA
163	Multiple Resources	Abundance and Distribution of Forage Fish & their Influence on Recovery of Injured Sp	\$500	6	NOAA	ADF&G	NOAA
147	Multiple Resources	Comprehensive Monitoring Program, Plan and Administer	\$250	3	NOAA	ADEC, ADF&G, DOI, USFS, NOAA	NOAA
316	Multiple Resources	Shoreline Trash Cleanup for Oil Spill Area	\$30	3	ADNR		USFS
320	Multiple Resources	Baseline Scientific Research - Ecosystem Study Plan	\$500	2	NOAA		NOAA

ID	RESOURCE	PROJECT TITLE	COST	RT VOTE	LEAD AGENCY	COOPERATING AGENCIES	NEPA LEAD/FEDERAL
159	Multiple Resources	Monitor Marine Bird and Sea Otter Populations - Boat Surveys	\$275	3	DOI		DOI
20	Oystercatcher	Black Oystercatcher Interaction with Intertidal Communities	\$108	6	DOI		DOI
166	Pacific Herring	Herring Spawn Deposition, Egg Loss, and Reproductive Impairment	\$400	6	ADF&G		NOAA
165	Pacific Herring	Genetic Stock Identification for Herring in PWS	\$205	5	ADF&G		NOAA
173	Pigeon Guillemot	Pigeon Guillemot Recovery Monitoring	\$180	6	DOI		DOI
184	Pink Salmon	Coded Wire Tag Recoveries from Pink Salmon in PWS Salmon Fisheries	\$250	5	ADF&G		NOAA
185	Pink Salmon	Coded Wire Tagging of Wild Stock Pink Salmon for Stock Identification	\$245	5	ADF&G		NOAA
187	Pink Salmon	Otolith Marking - Inseason Stock Separation Tool to Reduce Wild Salmon Exploitation	\$152	2	ADF&G		NOAA
192	Pink Salmon	Evaluation, Enumeration and effects of Hatchery Straying on Wild Pink Salmon in PWS	\$650	5	ADF&G		NOAA
189	Pink Salmon	PWS Pink Salmon Stock Genetics	\$150	4	ADF&G		NOAA
191	Pink Salmon	Investigating & Monitoring Oil Related Egg & Alevin Mortalities	\$686	5	ADF&G	NOAA	NOAA
217	Recreation	Implement Prince William Sound Area Recreation Plan	TBD	4	USFS	ADNR	USFS
200	Recreation	17(b) Easement Identification-Public Land Access	\$100	3	ADNR	USFS	USFS
216	Recreation	Development of Gulf of Alaska Recreation Plan	\$140	3	DOI	ADNR	DOI
237	River Otter	River Otter Recovery Monitoring	\$180	6	ADF&G	NOAA	USFS
241	Rock Fish	Develop a Rockfish Management Plan	\$175	4	ADF&G		NOAA
246	Sea Otter	Monitoring of Sea Otter Pop. Abundance, Distribution, Reproduction, and Mortality	\$337	6	DOI		DOI
259	Sockeye Salmon	Restoration of the Coghill Lake Sockeye Salmon Stock	\$165	5	ADF&G	USFS	USFS
258	Sockeye Salmon	Sockeye Salmon Overescapement	\$700	4	ADF&G		NOAA
255	Sockeye Salmon	Kenai River Sockeye Salmon Restoration	\$650	4	ADF&G		NOAA
260	Sockeye Salmon	Red Lake Salmon Restoration	\$72	3	ADF&G		DOI
244	Subsistence	Harbor Seal and Sea Otter Cooperative Subsistence Harvest Assistance	\$40	6	ADF&G		DOI
279	Subsistence	Subsistence Food Safety Testing	\$100	6	ADF&G	NOAA	NOAA
272	Subsistence	Chenega Chinook and Coho Release Program	\$55	5	ADF&G		NOAA
273	Subsistence	Port Graham Salmon Hatchery	\$500	5	ADF&G		NOAA
277	Subsistence	Village Mariculture Project - Oyster Farming	\$589	4	ADF&G		NOAA
280	Subtidal	Spot Shrimp Survey and Juvenile Spot Shrimp Habitat Identification	\$180	2	ADF&G		NOAA
285	Subtidal	Recovery Monitoring of Hydrocarbon-Contaminated Subtidal Marine Sediments	\$390	3	NOAA		NOAA
	TOTAL		\$44,165				

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Dave Gibbons  
Executive Director  
Exxon Valdez Oil Spill  
Trustees Council  
645 "G" Street  
Anchorage, AK 99501

Re: Subsistence Report  
Our File No. 204.14

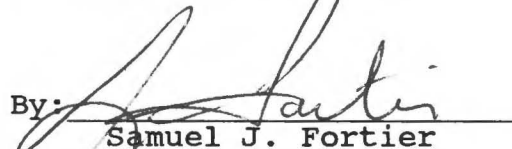
Dear Mr. Gibbons:

Your office has contacted me on several occasions concerning copies of the subsistence report which the governments funded as a part of the agreement arising out of the Consent Decree and Settlement Agreement in Native Village of Chenega Bay, et. al. v. United States of America, and State of Alaska, Case No. A91-454. According to the attached, the reproduction cost for a single report is \$992.00. If ordered in quantity of five or more, the reports cost \$531.00 each.

Please advise.

Very truly yours,

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Re: Schedule for Release of Draft Restoration Plan

Dear Trustee Council Members:

ACE appreciates the interest expressed by the Trustee Council in finalizing the Restoration Plan in a timely manner. However, we are concerned that the proposal to release the Draft Plan for review and comment during the summer will seriously limit the opportunity for the public to participate. Many people who live in the spill impacted region will be engaged in seasonal commercial fishing, tourism, and subsistence activities, and will be unable to participate if the review and comment period is limited to the summer season.

We therefore suggest that the Trustee Council either maintain the original schedule, with the restoration options released for review and comment in the Spring and the EIS document released in the Fall, or release a combined document in the Fall.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Alan Phipps  
State Lands Specialist

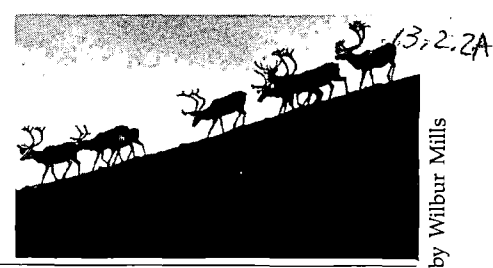


# Sierra Club

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Gentlemen,

Please excuse me for getting this letter to you so late, but I would like to communicate two things which I hope that you will consider in your January 19 Trustee Council meeting.

First, speaking for both the Sierra Club and the Alaska Center for the Environment, I would like to say that we greatly appreciate your efforts to speed up the planning process for the Restoration Plan and the Environmental Impact Statement. Unfortunately however, we believe the Revised Plan and EIS schedule submitted by the staff -- while well intentioned -- is actually worse than the original schedule. While the revised schedule saves only a little more than one month in the process (ending at the end of December instead of the beginning of February), the public comment period has been moved from the fall to the summer. Our commercial fishing friends in particular are concerned that they will be unable to review and comment on this

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plan between June 7 and August 7. In fact, for nearly everyone in the communities most affected by the oil spill, the public comment period in the revised schedule comes during the worst possible time for practical public participation. For this reason, we respectfully request that the Trustee Council adopt a schedule which provides for a public comment period in the fall, even though this will delay somewhat the end result.

Secondly, I would like to speak as a member of the Public Advisory Group about the Group's recommendations for the 1993 Workplan. Although I believe that the Group was very conscientious about considering each project individually, we did not set priorities for these projects in consideration of controlling the overall budget. Since the Group considered nearly every project to be of some value, we recommended nearly every project for approval. The total cost was not even calculated in our process.

I urge the members of the Trustee Council to make the difficult decisions which the Public Advisory Committee did not make, and to control the overall budget by eliminating more projects. I also urge the Trustee Council to help control the budget by reducing the very high level of administrative costs. Considering that the agencies benefit from these projects, I hope they will absorb more of the planning costs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Pamela Brodie  
Associate Alaska Representative

cc: David Gibbons, Oil Spill Public Information Office