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Memorandum of Agreement
***Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council,**
North Pacific Research Board,
and
University of Alaska

11-26-02

Section I. Parties

This Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA") is entered into by the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council, the North Pacific Research Board, the University of Alaska, and any other marine research and monitoring entities that may become signatories to this agreement in the future (the "Parties").

Section II. Purpose

Alaska's oceans and related watersheds are among the most productive ecosystems in existence and the Nation's greatest natural resources. There must be a concerted effort and commitment to maintain, monitor, and protect the long-term health and sustainability of these ecosystems, their habitats and resources. This can be accomplished, in part, through collaborative, coordinated efforts by the Parties to this MOA, each of which conducts, as part of its mission, scientific research and monitoring of the fish and wildlife resources of these waters. This MOA will provide a framework for the Parties to work cooperatively to more effectively accomplish their individual and common missions and provide for the long-term health and sustainability of Alaska's oceans and related watersheds.

Section III. Findings

The Parties find the following:

1. Alaska's oceans and related watersheds are extensive and contain fish and wildlife resources of great economic, social, cultural, and scientific value;
2. Populations of many commercial and non-commercial species in these waters are changing for reasons not well understood;
3. Alaska's oceans and related watersheds can best be managed and understood through an ecosystems-based approach, which is directed toward understanding how habitats and communities of species function together in response to environmental and anthropogenic factors;
4. Improved scientific understanding of marine and marine-related ecosystems will improve management of the region, thereby increasing the sustainability and efficiency of human use;
5. While each Party has its own mission and operates independently, together they share common interests in Alaska's oceans and related watersheds;
6. Scientific understanding of these waters can best be achieved through cooperation and collaboration of the various entities involved in marine research; and
7. Comprehensive, cooperative planning for marine research in Alaska's oceans and related watersheds is necessary to coordinate the efforts of Parties in order to

maximize the benefits to the people who use and depend on Alaska's marine resources.

Section IV. Cooperative and coordinated research planning

The Parties agree to cooperate and coordinate in developing research and monitoring plans for their respective geographic regions. They shall strive to (1) establish shared research priorities and work jointly towards attaining the priorities, (2) coordinate, to the extent permitted by governing legal mandates, the timelines and processes for proposal solicitation, review, and decision-making, and (3) cooperate in developing a network of people to assist with proposal and program reviews upon request.

Section V. Information and data

To enhance communications and availability of information, the Parties agree to:

1. Share information regarding: (a) public meetings and newsletters, (b) timelines and processes for proposal solicitation, review, and decision-making, (c) ongoing and proposed research and monitoring activities, (d) invitations for proposals, and (e) results and data from all scientific research;
2. Cooperate in formulating procedures and mechanisms through which such information can be effectively shared;
3. Develop compatible data standards and quality control procedures so data are of the highest quality and compatible between participating agencies; and
4. Cooperate in jointly synthesizing the results of ongoing monitoring and research efforts undertaken by the Parties and other research entities.

Section VI. Shared resources

To reduce costs, increase efficiency, and avoid duplication of effort, the Parties agree to expedite access to and sharing of each other's facilities and equipment, pooled inventories of costly technology development projects, and scarce human skill sets, consistent with each Party's policies and regulations.

Section VII. Joint meetings

The Parties agree to meet jointly at least annually. The date for each succeeding meeting, as well as the Party (ies) responsible for planning, coordinating, supporting, and reporting on it, shall be established at the annual meeting. These meetings will help to foster cooperation among the parties, share findings with other participatory agencies, evaluate research plans and progress in implementation, and coordinate in establishing priorities for research.

Section VIII. Participation of other entities and facilities

The Parties recognize that adding to this MOA new participatory organizations involved in marine issues relating to Alaska's oceans and related watersheds will better enable participatory organizations to reach shared goals. The Parties agree to:

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November 25, 2002

Chris Beck
1786 Forest Park Drive
Anchorage, AK 99517

Dear Chris:

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Sincerely,

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Molly McCammon
Executive Director

Enclosure

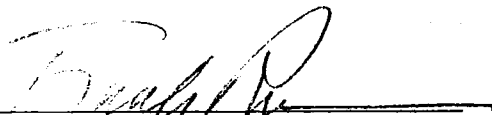



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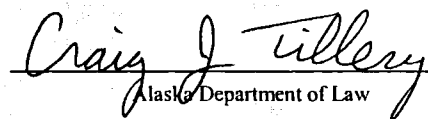
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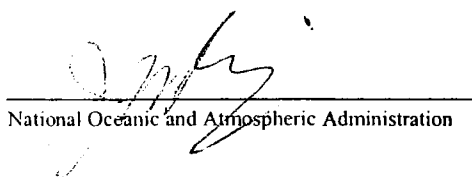
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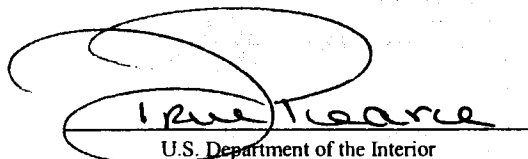
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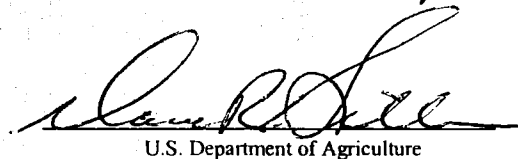

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1. Recognize and promote the participation of other organizations that may contribute to the shared interests of monitoring and research in Alaska's oceans and related watersheds; and
2. Establish a mechanism through which new participants can participate in planning for research and monitoring.

Section IX. General provisions

1. Effective date. This MOA becomes effective upon the date of the signature of the third Party to execute it. This MOA may be executed in counterparts, each of which will be considered an original document.
2. Withdrawal. Any Party to this MOA may withdraw without obligation upon thirty days written notice to the other Parties.
3. Termination. This MOA shall remain in effect until it is terminated by agreement of the Parties.
4. Authority. Nothing in this MOA shall be construed to limit or modify the authority or responsibility of any participating agency.
5. Third parties. This MOA is not intended to, nor shall it, vest rights in persons or entities who are not Parties.
6. Amendment. This MOA may be amended in writing by the unanimous written agreement of the Parties.
7. Antideficiency. Nothing in this MOA shall be construed as obligating the United States, the State of Alaska, or the University of Alaska, their agents or employees, to expend funds in excess of that authorized by law.
8. Effect. This MOA is intended to express the good faith plans and general intentions of the parties, but does not create any legally enforceable obligations.
9. Notice. Any notice, request, order, or communication to the Parties pursuant to this MOA shall be in writing to each Party at the address that follows:


Molly McCammon, Executive Director
Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council
441 West 5th Avenue, Suite 500
Anchorage, AK 99501-2340

David Benton, Chairman
North Pacific Research Board
441 West 5th Avenue, Suite 500
Anchorage, AK 99501-2340

Mark Hamilton, President
University of Alaska
P.O. Box 755000
Fairbanks, AK 99775

Or to such other addresses as any Party may designate in writing.

Accepted as affirmed by our signatures below.



Molly McCammon, Executive Director
Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council

11/26/02

Date

David Benton, Chairman
North Pacific Research Board

Date

Mark Hamilton, President
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Date

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Chris Blackburn
PO Box 948
Kodiak, AK 99615

Dear Chris:

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Sincerely,

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Molly McCammon
Executive Director

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*Chris - do keep in touch.
You've become a special
friend - and I hope will
see each other soon.
M.*



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Chris Blackburn

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November 25, 2002

David Cobb
PO Box 125
Valdez, AK 99686

Dear ~~Dave~~ David:

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James King
1700 Branta Road
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear ~~James~~ ^{Jim}:

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November 25, 2002

Martha Vlasoff
3700 Sharon Gagnon Ln. #C124
Anchorage, AK 99508

Dear Martha:

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Dan Hull
PO Box 1396
Cordova, AK 99574

Dear Dan:

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November 25, 2002

Charles Totemoff
4000 Old Seward Hwy. #101
Anchorage, AK 99503

~~Chuck~~
Dear Charles:

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Michael Goldstein
Chugach National Forest
3301 C Street, Suite 300
Anchorage, AK 99503

Dear Michael:

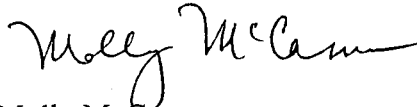
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Peter Hagen
Oil Spill Office, Auke Bay Lab
11305 Glacier Hwy
Juneau, AK 99801

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November 8, 2002

Dr. Robyn Hannigan
Department of Chemistry and Program
for Environmental Sciences
Arkansas State University
P.O. Box 419
State University, AR 72467

Dear Dr. Hannigan:

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November 12, 2002

Scott Hatch
US Geological Survey
1011 E Tudor Rd.
Anchorage, AK 99503

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William Hauser
Alaska Department of Fish and Game
333 Raspberry Rd.
Anchorage, AK 99518


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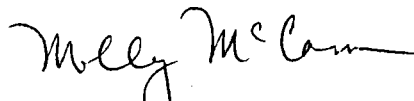
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November 12, 2002

Kate Hedstrom
Arctic Region Supercomputing Center
910 Yukon Dr.
Fairbanks, AK 99709

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November 12, 2002

Thomas Dean
Coastal Resources Associates, Inc.
5674 El Camino Real, Suite M
Carlsbad, CA 92008

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Steve Frenzel
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Michael Castellini
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October 12, 2002

Scott Chapal
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Dear Scott:

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October 12, 2002

Matthew Jones
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October 12, 2002

Thomas Sullivan Jr.
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Molly McCommon
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October 12, 2002

Paul Moersdorf
National Data Buoy Center
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Stennis Space Center, Mississippi 39529

Dear Paul:


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*P.S. I know that Phil Mundy
told you about this
last week.*

*We greatly appreciate
your offer to help in
other ways.*

*Looking forward to
meeting you.
Molly*

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November 25, 2002

Paul F. Moersdorf, Ph.D
Director
National Data Buoy Center
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Dear Dr. Moersdorf:

Thank you for the information concerning the uplink and archiving service provided by the NOAA Marine Encoder Kit that we received on Nov. 22nd. We will certainly incorporate this service into the data management plans of any proposals which adhere to the remote sensing buoy observation specifications referenced in the compact disc supplied by you. The staff at GEM looks forward to working with you and your agency on common remote sensing technological goals in the future.

Sincerely,

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Rob Bochenek
Data Systems Manager, GEM

Cc: -David Gilhousen

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November 22, 2002

Nancy Bird, Executive Director
Prince William Sound Science Center
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Re: Coordination and cooperation with Gulf of Alaska Ecosystem Monitoring and Research Program, GEM

Dear Nancy:

This is a letter of support and advice to you and the Oil Spill Recovery Institute Advisory Board as you work through this challenging period of transition for your program. I understand that the OSRI Advisory Board is considering a change in direction in its program emphasis, and is in the process of developing a new strategic plan. I would like to comment on the value of several existing OSRI activities to GEM and the Coastal Alaska Observatory System, CAOS (see attachment). In so doing I speak as an Alaskan scientist, a member of the CAOS steering committee, and the Science Director for the Trustee Council. Please note that my comments have not been endorsed or adopted by the steering committee or the Trustee Council.

Before providing comments on the projects that represent opportunities for continued cooperation between GEM and OSRI, let me emphasize that my intention is solely to point out the importance to GEM and Alaska's other regional marine observing capabilities of certain OSRI efforts. It is my hope that information relating OSRI activities to GEM and other coastal observing efforts will prove useful, as the board makes its decisions on the utility of OSRI projects to its new strategic plan.

Most of you know about the Trustee Council's efforts to develop GEM from presentations and visits to the Board by Molly McCammon, our Executive Director and me, over the past three years. One of GEM's founding concepts is that long-term monitoring of marine resources and the marine environment is an indispensable part of understanding, predicting and responding to changes in living marine resources resulting from either natural forces or human actions. I understand this concept to be part of the mission of OSRI, being especially applicable for formulating effective responses to catastrophic human actions, such as an oil spill.

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Interests shared with GEM make OSRI an important and essential partner for developing GEM, especially in the area of observational platforms and supporting models of the physical and biological environment. Some specific examples follow.

Hinchinbrook Entrance Physical Oceanography: The ADCP mooring in Hinchinbrook Entrance supported by GEM, is important to both GEM and the development of the Alaskan components of the Integrated and Sustained Ocean Observing System, IOOS (see attachment). To be fully useful, the data from the mooring need to be combined with data from surface vessel transects supported by OSRI. These projects are directed by Dr. Shari Vaughan and Mr. Sheldon Gay. Measuring and modeling the exchange of waters between Prince William Sound and the Gulf of Alaska at all depths in the Entrance is an essential part of understanding the causes of change in valued natural resources of the northern Gulf of Alaska. The biological implications of the transport of carbon and nutrients into Prince William Sound are profound, as fully explained in the recent special volume of Fisheries Oceanography devoted to the work of the EVOS SEA program. Hinchinbrook data are also vitally important to understand what, if any interactions occur between the Alaska Coastal Current (ACC) and PWS in order to better understand the dynamics of the ACC. Yearly and seasonal variations in the dynamics of the ACC contribute to variability in the populations of birds, fish and mammals so important to the missions of management agencies, and also to the subsistence and commercial harvesters in the northern Gulf.

PWS Meteorological and Ocean Stations: The Meteorological Workshop of December 2000, organized and sponsored by OSRI, and supported by EVOS and other concerned entities, identified a critical gap in surface wind vector data from within PWS that imposed limitations on the utility of physical current models for use in oil spill response, search and rescue, and support of biological modeling. EVOS/GEM has supported physical current modeling on Prince William Sound in the past, and I look forward to the time when OSRI and GEM observations will make important contributions to a system of physical models that will cover the area from the central Gulf to Prince William Sound. Indeed, the IOOS envisions meteorological and ocean observing stations as federally funded elements of a national backbone of nearshore and offshore observations that support regional interests, such as biological and physical modeling for operational and retrospective uses, such as resource management and oil spill response. Elements of existing networks of observing stations, such as those supported by OSRI and GEM, are prime candidates for incorporation into IOOS.

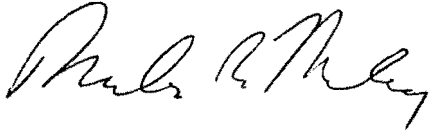
Nearshore Research and Monitoring: The EVOS staff is currently working with Dr. Mary Anne Bishop (PWSSC) and co-authors, to develop a long-term nearshore monitoring project on the Copper River delta. GEM is now emphasizing development of a geographically distributed network of nearshore observing stations for detecting and understanding changes in nearshore biota. Physical factors, such as currents and winds, are well known to be critical in shaping species composition and abundance of nearshore biota, and will be absolutely essential to distinguish effects of human forcing from natural factors in the nearshore in the long-term. Physical observation and modeling projects supported by OSRI and GEM are therefore material to the success of GEM's nearshore program in the Prince William Sound region.

Nancy Bird re: OSRI – GEM Cooperation

I have highlighted only what I see as the three most critical areas of current cooperation and potential partnership, due to limitations imposed by available time and the need to provide the Board sufficient technical detail for its deliberations. Please do not hesitate to call on me if you need clarification or further information.

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Phillip R. Mundy, Science Director

CC: OSRI Advisory Board Members
Molly McCammon
Two Crow (Dr. Jim Schumacher)
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ATTACHMENT FOR LETTER TO NANCY BIRD:

***Briefing Summary
Integrated and Sustained Ocean Observing System, IOOS
Prepared for the
Joint Meeting Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council, North Pacific Research Board,
Northern Fund, and University of Alaska***

Anchorage, October 29, 2002

Brief: The IOOS is an oceanographic funding initiative spearheaded by Ocean.US that is supported by fourteen federal agencies, with additional support from the President and members of Congress. It is being designed as part of the U.S. contribution to implementation of GOOS. Alaska is defining the part it will play in IOOS through the coordinating body known as CAOS. Having a working definition of the elements of Alaska's IOOS is essential for the region to participate in funding from the national level.

Detailed definitions of three acronyms, GOOS, Ocean.US, CAOS follows.

1. The GOOS Global Ocean Observing System

The GOOS is a response to long standing advice from the scientific community to establish a network of operational oceanography, to support the National Weather Service, and to extend its capabilities. The advice was represented in the U.S. by the Stratton Commission report.

Stratton Commission Recommendation: The Commission recommends that the Nation's civil oceanographic monitoring and prediction activities be integrated with the existing national weather system (as well as certain aspects of the systems for monitoring the solid earth) to provide a single comprehensive system ... (Stratton Commission, 1969, Chapter 5). Stratton Commission recommendations led to the formation of NOAA.

The U.S. GOOS Steering Committee, established by NOAA, is developing a federation of coastal marine observing systems to interface with the international system of oceanographic observations. U.S. GOOS Steering Committee works closely with Ocean.US. GEM is represented on the U.S. GOOS Steering Committee by Phil Mundy. GEM was chosen by the steering committee as a model of a developing regional observing program.

2. Ocean.US

Ocean.US was created by the National Oceanographic Partnership Program in late 2000. NOPP is a collaboration of fourteen Federal agencies to provide leadership and coordination of national oceanographic research and education programs. In the coming decade, an integrated and sustained ocean observing system (IOOS) will

become operational. Information from this system will serve national needs for the following:

- *Detecting and forecasting oceanic components of climate variability*
- *Facilitating safe and efficient marine operations*
- *Ensuring national security*
- *Managing resources for sustainable use*
- *Preserving and restoring healthy marine ecosystems*
- *Mitigating natural hazards*
- *Ensuring public health*

Ocean.US is spearheading the effort to get federal funding for a national coastal observing system (moorings, ships, satellite coverage) at the request of the President and members of Congress. It is preparing a report to Congress scheduled for delivery in late 2002. NPRB/UAF/GEM connections to Ocean.US are Dave Musgrave (UAF) who served as one of the national experts consulted in the preparation of the report, and Phil Mundy (GEM) who serves on the Data and Communications subcommittee as leader of the public outreach group.

The Alaska region as a whole needs to have a unified concept of its needs for a coastal observing system in place as soon as possible, in order to be able to receive any federal funding resulting from the Ocean.US initiative. Funding in FY 04 is possible, but FY 05 is more likely.

3. CAOS The Coastal Alaska Observatory System

Alaska's response to the Ocean.US initiative, and to the need for comprehensive planning in marine research is being led by the Two Crow (Dr. Jim Schumacher) and the Steering Committee of CAOS. Two Crow will provide a separate briefing on CAOS.

References

GOOS and U.S. Steering Committee: <http://www-ocean.tamu.edu/GOOS/goos.html>

Ocean.US: <http://www.ocean.us.net/>

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November 21, 2002

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RE: November 13, 2002 letter, draft report 02612, proposal 030684

Dear Dr. Mazumder:

Thank you for the draft report on Project 02612 (Nutrient Cycling in the Kenai River Watershed). Approximately two months will be needed to review and revise the draft as necessary into a final report. Once completed, it will serve as an important information resource for the GEM science program.

With regard to your request to reconsider my recommendation on proposal 030684, I'm afraid that won't be possible given the time frame for the Phase II funding process, which concludes November 25 and was abbreviated due to having two funding processes for this fiscal year. Proposals for developing the watershed habitat under GEM were not specifically invited in Phase II because the STAC is in the process of developing the GEM Science Plan in this area, which requires consultation with a number of entities, including our subcommittee on habitat types. The habitat subcommittee has only recently been seated by the Trustee Council and will not have its first meeting until December 3.

I expect the Invitation for Proposals for Fiscal Year 2004 (October 2003 – September 2004) to be issued in February 2003. By that time our strategies for developing the watershed component of GEM will have had the benefit of the scientific and public process that is so vital to the development and functioning of our program. You may want to consider submitting a watershed proposal for consideration for funding at that time (proposals will be due April 15, 2003).

Of course, as a member of the public you are always free to contact the Trustee Council directly or testify at the Council's public hearing, scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on November 25. You can contact my office to get the call-in number for the meeting.

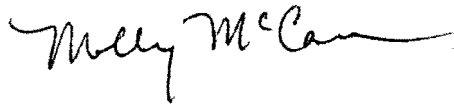
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Your work and interest in our program are appreciated and I look forward to opportunities to work with you in the future.

Sincerely

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Molly McCammon
Executive Director

cc: Phil Mundy
Katherine Miller
Bill Hauser

Molly McCammon

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Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2002 11:27 AM
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Cc: Katharine Miller; Phil Mundy; Brenda Hall; Mark Johannes
Subject: Submission of Draft Final Report on EVOS #02612



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Dear Molly,

Attached is our response to funding recommendation on EVOS G030684 and the draft final report on EVOS #02612. Hard copies of the response letter and draft final report are being sent to you by express mail.

It took an enormous amount of work to develop Kenai River Watershed Study Plan and we are very pleased with the breadth and opportunities developed within this draft report. We hope that you like the concept we developed that cuts and integrates across interdisciplinary approaches, and habitat and watershed types to link to GEM perspectives and that you would reconsider your recommendation on continued funding for implementation aspects of this project. We look forward to your comments, feedback and support.

Sincerely
Asit Mazumder
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ATTENTION Draft Work Plan for FY 2003: Phase II

Dear Molly:

We appreciate the opportunity to review the Draft Work Plan for fiscal year 2003 (Phase II). The preliminary recommendation from the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) for our proposal Sustainable Management in the Kenai River Watershed (Project No. G-030684), which is intended to bring our current study (*Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Restoration Project 02612) into the implementation phase, was "Do Not Fund". The main comment of the STAC was that our proposal does not synthesize ideas and research that cuts across habitat types and watersheds. As authors of this proposal, we disagree with that comment and therefore the STAC's and Executive Director's preliminary recommendations.

We also appreciate the funding support by EVOS during 2002 to develop a study plan for the Kenai River watershed. Our Kenai River watershed initiative (EVOS Project 02612) is intended to integrate interdisciplinary knowledge on nutrients and energy and their sources and pathways within the Kenai River watershed as the sensitive link between resource productivity and terrestrial (forests, wetlands, glaciers), freshwater (lakes, rivers, and stream) and marine (nearshore, estuarine) habitat types. We identified 4 major research themes representing the most important components of the Kenai River watershed and their connection to Cook Inlet and ultimately to the Gulf of Alaska: lakes, rivers and streams, nearshore marine and wetland-terrestrial ecosystems. This project is interdisciplinary and clearly cuts and integrates across habitat and ecosystem types that link watershed processes and productivity to nearshore marine ecosystems of Gulf of Alaska.

We have completed the study plan (Draft Final Report) for "Detecting and Understanding Marine-Terrestrial Linkages in a Developing Watershed: Nutrient Cycling in the Kenai River Watershed". Therefore, we understand that the STAC could not fully evaluate our new proposal (G-030684) without reviewing the study plan from project 02612 (which we had expected to complete by mid-October).

Enclosed please find the study plan (Draft Final Report) from project 02612, which describes an integrated and interdisciplinary plan for the purpose of understanding nutrient and energy



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pathways and terrestrial-aquatic linkages in the Kenai River watershed. We hope that the STAC and Executive Director will reconsider their recommendations for our current proposal (G-030684) in light of our completed study plan, which we believe is highly responsive to the invitation for synthesis proposals that cut across habitat types, including watersheds.

Also, in our original proposal for project G-030684 we identified a total EVOS budget request of \$59.9k. We apologize for the confusion. The budget document shows the total project cost (of \$89.9), but the "comments" section page 1 shows matching funds of \$30.0k for a net request from EVOS for \$59.9k.

Finally, we hope our completed study plan along with any public comments you receive will allow the STAC and Executive Director to reconsider our proposal. There is broad stakeholder and agency interest and support for taking our research plan and focus it into a directed and implemented program. To that end, we feel our proposal should receive high priority for Fiscal Year 2003, Phase II.

Thank you for reviewing our study plan and considering our comments herein. We look forward to continue working with the Trustee Council through the proposal review and public comment process.

Sincerely,

Asit Mazumder, University of Victoria

Jim A. Edmundson, Alaska Department of Fish and Game

William J. Hauser, Alaska Department of Fish and Game

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TO: Gary Kompkoff
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FROM: Molly McCammon
Executive Director

DATE: November 20, 2002

RE: MOA between Sitka Tribe and ADF&G

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Cc: Frank Rue

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**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE SITKA TRIBE OF ALASKA
AND STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME**

This MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT is entered into between the Sitka Tribe of Alaska, hereinafter referred to as the "Tribe", and the State of Alaska Department of Fisheries and Game, hereinafter referred to as "ADF&G". This MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT is further witnessed by the State of Alaska, Board of Fisheries as requested by formal motion of the Board. This Agreement serves in addition to but does not supercede existing laws, regulations, policies and agreements that recognize and enforce a subsistence priority and the unique relationship between Tribal Governments and the State of Alaska.

This Memorandum of Agreement provides the structure for collaboration between the Tribe and ADF&G to "distribute commercial harvest if necessary so that subsistence users have a reasonable opportunity to harvest" while recognizing that the "quality and quantity of herring roe on branches and herring sac roe is an important consideration in the management of subsistence and commercial fisheries." Hereinafter, "subsistence" will be referred to in this Agreement as the "customary and traditional" harvest and/or uses of herring and herring eggs.

The parties to this Agreement recognize that the Tribe, in managing Tribal affairs within the Shee'tka Kwaan [please see attached map], has information, resources, and responsibilities beneficial to ADF&G. ADF&G, in managing natural resources within the State, has information and resources beneficial to the Tribe. Thus, the Tribe and ADF&G will consult and cooperate in the management of all commercial fisheries, hereinafter referred to as "commercial herring fisheries", occurring within the greater Sitka Sound area, understood to be the waters of Section 13-B, north of the latitude of Aspid Cape, excluding the waters of Whale and Necker Bays.

These commercial fisheries include all commercial herring fisheries existing when this document is signed and any/all commercial herring fisheries developed in the future. Additionally, the Tribe and ADF&G will collaborate on the management of the customary and traditional herring and herring egg fisheries through this document, which establishes an annual herring-monitoring program.

SECTION I: COMMUNICATION AND COLLABORATION AGREEMENT

In Section I of this Agreement, a framework is established for consultation between the Tribe and ADF&G that recognizes the unique responsibilities the Tribe has for protecting its tribal citizens and the obligations the State of Alaska has with federally recognized Tribal Governments.

A. TRIBAL CONSULTATION PROCESS

The Tribe Shall:

1. Enter into specific agreements or contracts with ADF&G and/or other parties to accomplish the agreed upon programs and projects arising from this Memorandum of Agreement.

2. Consult and collaborate with ADF&G on commercial herring fisheries management activities in the greater Sitka Sound area.
3. Forward names of tribal citizens who will participate in the annual pre-season planning meeting(s) [Section II, part A].
4. Appoint a Tribal Liaison to coordinate in-season collaborative management and data gathering [Section II, parts B and C].
5. Encourage its Council, citizens and harvesters to attend tribal meetings, local ADF&G Advisory Committee meetings, public ADF&G meetings and other forums where there is an opportunity for open communication regarding the traditional and commercial herring fisheries within the greater Sitka Sound area.
6. Prepare and provide an annual collaborative management and customary and traditional herring harvest monitoring report to ADF&G and the Board of Fisheries.

B. ADF&G CONSULTATIVE PROCESS

ADF&G Shall:

1. Make ADF&G resources and professional expertise available for the furtherance of this Agreement, subject to the applicable State laws, regulations, and ADF&G directives, for the affected area and subject to the approval by the Commissioner or designated representatives.
2. Consult with the Tribe when developing regulatory proposals for the greater Sitka Sound area herring fisheries.
3. Cooperate in the planning, implementation, and monitoring of project work undertaken pursuant to agreements or contracts arising from this Agreement.
4. Assign an ADF&G Liaison who shall be responsible for routine consultative activities between the Tribe and ADF&G.
5. Inform and invite the Sitka Tribe's appointed tribal citizens and Tribal Liaison to attend all pre-season and in-season stakeholder planning meetings [Section II, Section A].
6. Contact the Tribe prior to release of commercial guideline harvest level information to the media [Section II, part D].
7. Participate, to the extent possible, in Sitka Tribe of Alaska Council and other appropriate tribal and public meetings regarding the management of the commercial herring fisheries in the greater Sitka Sound area.
8. To the extent possible, provide technical assistance to the Tribe as it conducts the annual customary and traditional harvest-monitoring program [Section III].

SECTION II: COLLABORATIVE MANAGMEENT OF THE GREATER SITKA SOUND COMMERICAL FISHERIES

A. PRE-SEASON MANAGEMENT

The Tribe will participate in the Sitka Herring Fisheries Pre-Season Meeting(s).

1. Each year, the Tribe will forward the names of three tribal citizens to participate in ADF&G's pre-season meetings to coordinate the annual management of the greater Sitka Sound commercial herring fisheries.

2. Tribal citizens participating in the annual meeting(s) will be empowered by the Tribe to speak on its behalf regarding pre-season planning for management of the commercial herring fisheries.
3. Tribal citizens participating in the meeting(s) will report to the Tribal Council and its citizens and will report to the Tribal Liaison prior to and during the fisheries regarding pre-season plans and in-season activities.

B. IN-SEASON MANAGEMENT

The Sitka Tribe will participate in collaborative management of the greater Sitka Sound commercial herring fisheries.

1. Prior to commercial fisheries, the Tribe shall forward the names and contact information for the Tribal Liaison, empowered by the Tribe to speak on behalf of the Tribal Council and to be the sole point of contact during greater Sitka Sound commercial fisheries.
2. Contact between the Tribal Liaison and ADF&G will occur daily or as often as needed and at minimum will occur prior to a public announcement of a commercial opening.
3. ADF&G will provide estimations of the times and locations of the day's test fishing activities to the Tribal Liaison. Observations of the previous day's test fishing will be recorded by the Tribal Liaison and will be reported to ADF&G during in-season meetings and the Tribe's annual activities report.
4. When commercial fisheries are placed on two-hour notice, ADF&G will make regular announcements on the VHF radio (Ch. 10) and the Tribal Liaison will monitor this channel.
5. During in-season meetings to determine fishery openings, the Tribal Liaison and ADF&G will consult regarding whether the proposed opening will affect customary and traditional harvesters.
6. If the Tribe concludes there is the potential for customary and traditional harvesters to be negatively impacted by the proposed opening, the Tribal Liaison will provide this conclusion and reasoning to the ADF&G Liaison verbally and in writing.
7. Following the Sitka Sound commercial herring fisheries, ADF&G will provide a written summary of the fisheries and provide this report to the Sitka Tribe.

C. DATA GATHERING

The Tribe will be involved to the extent possible with data gathering activities conducted by ADF&G to estimate the quantity, quality and distribution of herring and herring eggs in the greater Sitka Sound area used to plan and implement commercial harvest activities.

1. ADF&G will consult the Tribe during pre-season, in-season and post-season data gathering activities.
2. The Tribal Liaison, tribal biologist or other Tribal representatives may accompany ADF&G to assist in gathering data as opportunities arise. The ADF&G Liaison will contact the Tribe's in-season Liaison with dates and details concerning these opportunities.
3. Copies of ADF&G's management and stock assessment data will be made available to the Tribe. This includes, but is not limited to, cast net surveys, spawn deposition transects, and aerial maps identifying length and locations of spawning areas.

4. After ADF&G has compiled the majority of their commercial fishery management data, ADF&G and the Tribe will meet to discuss this information.

D. CONSULTATION PRIOR TO MEDIA NOTIFICATION

ADF&G's Liaison will contact the Tribe's General Manager to set a meeting with the Tribal Council prior to the release of the season's estimated and guideline commercial harvest quota information to the media.

1. A consultation meeting between the Tribe and ADF&G will be initiated by ADF&G at least one week prior to the release of the year's estimated commercial guideline harvest level to the media.
2. If agreed to by both the Tribe and ADF&G, the consultation meeting prior to the release of the guideline harvest level to the media may be accomplished through ADF&G's pre-season management planning meetings. Agreement must be requested by ADF&G and be provided by the Tribe in writing.

SECTION III: ANNUAL CUSTOMARY AND TRADITIONAL HARVEST MONITORING PROGRAM

A. IMPLEMENTATION OF A TRADITIONAL HARVEST MONITORING PROGRAM

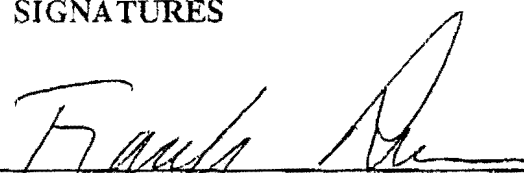
Beginning in 2002, the Tribe and ADF&G will establish and maintain, contingent on tribal funding, an annual customary and traditional herring egg harvest-monitoring program.

1. The Tribe will collaborate with ADF&G in 2002 to create and conduct an annual customary and traditional harvest-monitoring program based on post-season surveys and interviews with local harvesters.
2. The annual harvest-monitoring program will follow standard survey sampling methodology.
3. The Tribe and ADF&G will collaboratively conduct the harvest interviews. The Tribe and ADF&G will collaboratively maintain the survey data, including a confidential list of participants and their contact information.
4. The Tribe will provide ADF&G with harvest data each year and this raw data will be analyzed by ADF&G using standard statistical techniques. ADF&G may post the survey results on their Statewide Subsistence Harvest Database but there will be no way for a user of this database to view any personal information regarding survey participant.
5. Participation in the survey is voluntary and confidential and will not serve to limit a participant's future harvest activities.
6. The Tribe and ADF&G will collaborate to improve the survey interview reporting system and survey methodology, with ADF&G providing technical consultative work and, when possible, field interview project support.
7. The Tribe and ADF&G will work to identify and pursue funding opportunities to support this important customary and traditional harvest monitoring activity. Funding pursuits include but are not limited to, project support for staff at the Tribe and ADF&G, historical and present day expanded interview projects and site-use mapping.

IV. EFFECTIVE DATE AND REVISIONS


1. The effective date of this agreement shall be from the date of the final signature.
2. This agreement is entered in good faith by the signatories and its success depends on continued mutual communication and good will. Either signatory may request a review for the purpose of modifying this agreement at any time. No revision shall be binding without the written consent of both parties.
3. A signatory may terminate its participation in this agreement by providing notice in writing 30 days in advance of the date on which its termination becomes effective.

V. SIGNATURES



For the Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Frank Rue, Commissioner

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Date



For the Sitka Tribe of Alaska
Gilbert Truitt, Vice Chairman

Nov. 4, 2002
Date

This Memorandum of Agreement is consistent with the collaborative management and research approach regarding commercial herring fisheries and customary and traditional harvest monitoring in the greater Sitka Sound area discussed and agreed to by the Board of Fisheries in actions taken January 14, 2002.

For the State of Alaska, Board of Fish
Edward Dersham, Chairman

Date

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November 13, 2002

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Dear Ms. Maiden and Ms. Wei:

I am writing this letter in support of the objectives of the research and education proposal entitled "Coastal Ocean Database for Alaska (CODA): Long-term Monitoring, Research and Modeling of Alaska's Oceans, Coasts and Watersheds," submitted to your office in response to the NASA CAN-02-OES-01 (Earth Science Research, Education and Applications Solutions Network). The principal investigators and collaborators involved in this proposal have come together to propose what we feel would be a major contribution to NASA, the United States' Integrated Sustained Ocean Observing System, the State of Alaska, and the implementation of the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council's major program, the Gulf of Alaska Ecosystem Monitoring and Research Program (GEM).

Our Science Director, Dr. Phillip Mundy, and staff are most interested in supporting this proposal by cooperating with NASA through the efforts of the collaborators, who have come together to design, implement and operate the CODA System. As an organization charged with long-term monitoring, we have access to substantial expertise in the area of natural resource assessment and management. In addition, we hold valuable long-term datasets and information we would be interested in sharing as part of this program. The Trustee Council expects to benefit from the CODA Project, as well as from the sharing of data with the other agencies involved. This cooperative approach will help us all to better understand and manage our marine resources.

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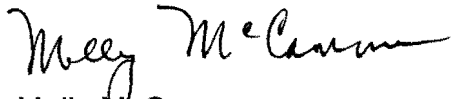
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In the past we have contributed to community and stakeholder meetings to define better ways to understand Alaska's oceans, watersheds and coastal regions. In addition to supporting the research objectives of the CODA proposal, we endorse the educational outreach program involving local communities, stakeholders, the general public, and policy and decision makers.

We look forward to a productive program and cooperative relationship with the CODA project and NASA.

Sincerely,

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Molly McCammon
Executive Director

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November 12, 2002

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Dear ^{Al}Albert:

On behalf of the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council, thank you for applying for consideration as a GEM Program habitat subcommittee member. The Trustee Council met on October 29 and again on November 4 to discuss the makeup and membership of the various GEM Program subcommittees. Upon the recommendation of the Trustee Council's Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC), the Trustee Council decided to begin with one overall habitat subcommittee instead of several. This limited the number of committee members to be chosen.

It was most difficult to select from among the list of 51 highly qualified nominees. Unfortunately, only 12 slots were available, and your name was not selected at this time. However, you should know that the science review process is still considered a work in progress. We may be expanding and revising the subcommittees in the future as the GEM program develops and we continue to strive for the best scientific review and advice.

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Fairbanks, AK 99801

Dear Nicola:

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November 12, 2002

Gail Irvine
US Geological Survey - Alaska Science Center
1011 E Tudor Rd.
Anchorage, AK 99503

Dear Gail:

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Thomas Kline
Prince William Sound Science Center
PO Box 705
Cordova, AK 99574


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November 12, 2002

Paul McCollum
Chugach Regional Resources Commission
4201 Tudor Centre Drive, Suite 300
Anchorage, AK 99603

Dear Paul:

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November 12, 2002

Adam Moles
National Marine Fisheries Service, Auke Bay Lab
11305 Glacier Hwy.
Juneau, AK 99801-8626

Dear Adam:

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November 12, 2002

David Musgrave
School of Fisheries and Ocean Science
University of Alaska Fairbanks
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Fairbanks, AK 99775-7220

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November 12, 2002

Lorrie Rea
Alaska Department of Fish and Game
525 W 67th Ave.
Anchorage, AK 99518

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November 12, 2002

David Reggiani
Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation
PO Box 1110
Cordova, AK 99574

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November 12, 2002

Daniel Rosenberg
Alaska Department of Fish and Game
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Dear Daniel:

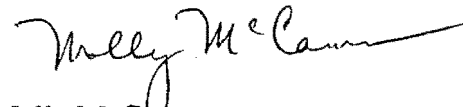
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David Roseneau
Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge
2355 Kachemak Bay Dr., Suite 101
Homer, AK 99603-8021

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Carl Schoch
Kachemak Bay Research Reserve
2181 Kachemak Dr.
Homer, AK 99603

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Robert Small
Alaska Department of Fish and Game
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Bob
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Sabrina Volstad
Seldovia Village Tribe
PO Box 256
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Coowe Walker
Kachemak Bay Research Reserve
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November 12, 2002

Mark Willette
Alaska Department of Fish and Game
43961 Kalifornsky Beach Rd.
Soldotna, AK 99669-8367

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November 8, 2002

Patrick Norman
P.O. Box 5509
Port Graham, AK 99603

Dear Pat:

Thank you for applying to be a subcommittee member of the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council's GEM Program. The Trustee Council met on October 29 and again on November 4 to review the membership recommendations made by the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC). Based on that committee's recommendations and the Trustee Council's own review and discussion, I am pleased to inform you that the Trustee Council has selected you for a two-year term as a member of the GEM Lingering Oil Effects Subcommittee (complete list attached), chaired by the Trustee Council's former Chief Scientist, Dr. Robert Spies. Congratulations. We look forward to working with you as the Trustee Council continues to monitor and study the long-term effects of the 1989 oil spill.

The Trustee Council's Science Director, Dr. Phil Mundy, who is also co-chair of the STAC, will be your key contact in our office. So that you may begin to plan for 2003, Phil has prepared a draft calendar of science program events by month with some comments on where subcommittee members may be called on to help (attached). Subcommittee members are not necessarily directly involved in all of these events, but the complete list is given for context.

The entire science planning and review process, as the Trustee Council transitions from a program focused entirely on direct oil spill effects to the GEM Program, should be considered a work in progress. We will continue to review that process and, with your help, refine it as we go along.

If you have any specific questions about the Trustee Council, the Lingering Oil Effects Program, the GEM Program, or the science planning process, please don't hesitate to contact me (molly_mccammon@oilspill.state.ak.us) or Science Director Phil Mundy (phil_mundy@oilspill.state.ak.us). If you need additional information or help in locating information, please contact Katharine Miller, Science Coordinator. (katharine_miller@oilspill.state.ak.us).

Again, on behalf of the Trustee Council, thank you for agreeing to participate in the development of an exciting program.

Sincerely,

Molly

Molly McCammon
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Attachments

Pat - I know you didn't apply for this committee. However, the Trustee Council wants a community member on this. You have also been selected for the Public Advisory Committee.

So - your participation on the Lingering Oil Effects Subcommittee is contingent on you saying yes.

If not - we'll look for someone else from a village.

Molly

Give me a call if you want to talk about it.

LINGERING OIL EFFECTS SUBCOMMITTEE

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SCIENCE PLANNING CALENDAR - 2003

November 5, 2002 Draft

Month	Event	Subcommittee activity
All year	Science Plan	Research questions & testable hypotheses. Help plan & attend workshops and special review panels.
January 13-17, 2002	Annual Workshop	Attend if possible
February	FY 04 Invitation for Proposals	Develop recommendations for STAC consideration
April	FY 04 Proposals Submitted	
April - May	Peer review	Provide names of reviewers. Conduct reviews upon request.
May - June	STAC Recommendations on Projects	
June	FY 04 Draft Work Plan Review and Comment	
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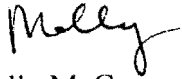
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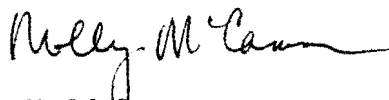
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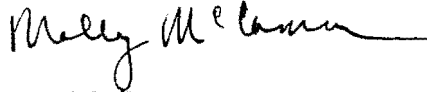
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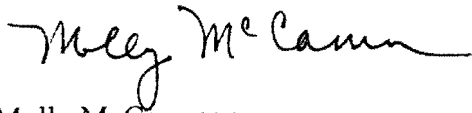
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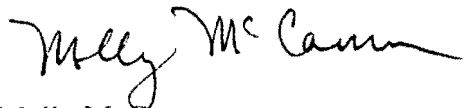
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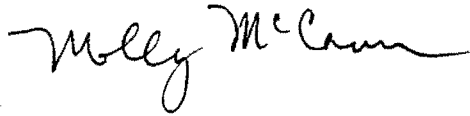
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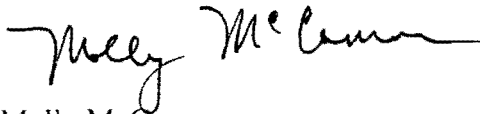
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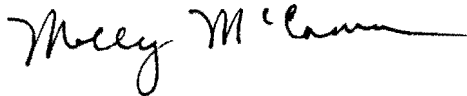
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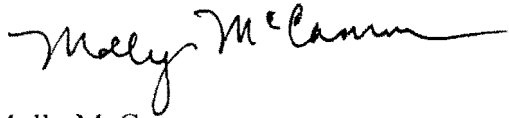
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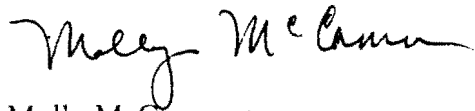
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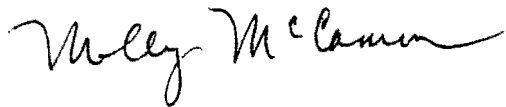
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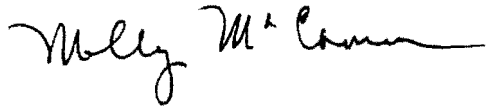
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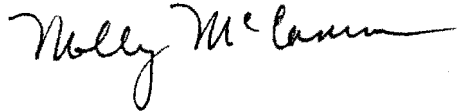
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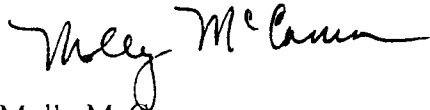
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Dear Habitat Subcommittee Members:

My apologies. We left one member off the list sent you earlier this week – Eric Knudsen. Enclosed is a revised list. Please review your information on it, and get back to us with any corrections. Thank you.

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Charles Hughey
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Dear Charlie:

Thank you for applying to be a member of the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council's Public Advisory Committee. The Trustee Council met on October 29 and again on November 4 to review the committee nominations. I am pleased to inform you that the Trustee Council has selected you for a two-year term as a member of Public Advisory Committee. A complete PAC list indicating interest group representation is attached. Your name has now been forwarded on to the Secretary of Interior, Gale Norton, for final approval.

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2841 DeBarr Road, Suite 22
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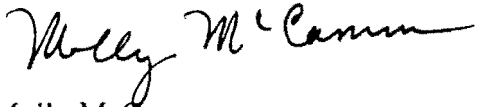
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Gary Fandrei
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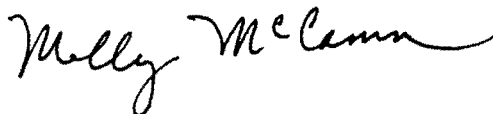
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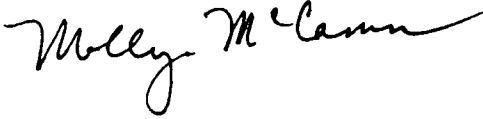
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Brett Huber
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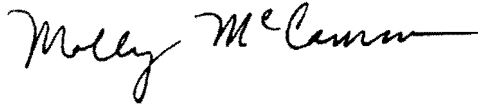
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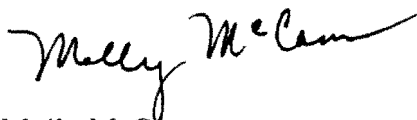
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Kate Wynne
University of Fairbanks
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The Trustee Council's Science Director, Dr. Phil Mundy, who is also co-chair of the STAC, will be your key contact in our office, and will be sending you an agenda and additional materials in advance of this meeting. Travel and per diem will be paid for all meetings you attend as a subcommittee member. Additional information will be provided soon regarding travel for the December meeting.

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So that you may begin to plan for 2003, Phil has prepared a draft calendar of science program events by month with some comments on where subcommittee members may be called on to help (attached). Subcommittee members are not necessarily directly involved in all of these events, but the complete list is given for context.

The entire science planning and review process, as the Trustee Council transitions from a program focused entirely on direct oil spill effects to the GEM Program, should be considered a work in progress. We will continue to review the process and, with your help, refine it as we go along.

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SCIENCE PLANNING CALENDAR - 2003

November 5, 2002 Draft

Month	Event	Subcommittee activity
All year	Science Plan	Research questions & testable hypotheses. Help plan & attend workshops and special review panels.
January 13-17, 2002	Annual Workshop	Attend if possible
February	FY 04 Invitation for Proposals	Develop recommendations for STAC consideration
April	FY 04 Proposals Submitted	
April - May	Peer review	Provide names of reviewers. Conduct reviews upon request.
May - June	STAC Recommendations on Projects	
June	FY 04 Draft Work Plan Review and Comment	
August	FY 04 Work Plan Approved	
October - November	Draft Science Plan Review and Comment FY 05 Invitation for Proposals	Review status of draft Science Plan and develop recommendations to STAC for FY 05 Invitation for Proposals

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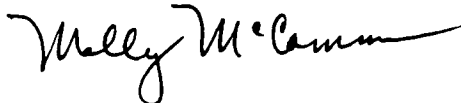
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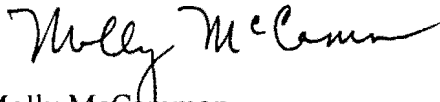
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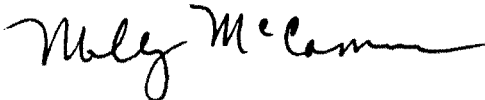
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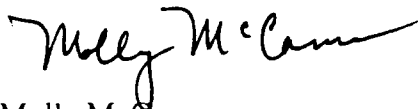
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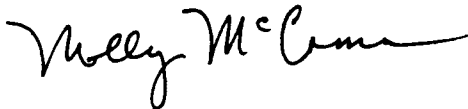
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SCIENCE PLANNING CALENDAR - 2003

November 5, 2002 Draft

Month	Event	Subcommittee activity
All year	Science Plan	Research questions & testable hypotheses. Help plan & attend workshops and special review panels.
January 13-17, 2002	Annual Workshop	Attend if possible
February	FY 04 Invitation for Proposals	Develop recommendations for STAC consideration
April	FY 04 Proposals Submitted	
April - May	Peer review	Provide names of reviewers. Conduct reviews upon request.
May - June	STAC Recommendations on Projects	
June	FY 04 Draft Work Plan Review and Comment	
August	FY 04 Work Plan Approved	
October - November	Draft Science Plan Review and Comment FY 05 Invitation for Proposals	Review status of draft Science Plan and develop recommendations to STAC for FY 05 Invitation for Proposals

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Robert J. Kopchak
P.O. Box 1126
Cordova, AK 99574

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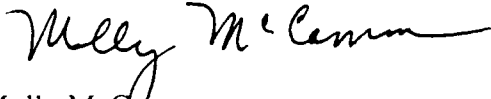
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Patrick Lavin
National Wildlife Federation
750 West 2nd Avenue, Suite 200
Anchorage, AK 99501

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533 Main Street
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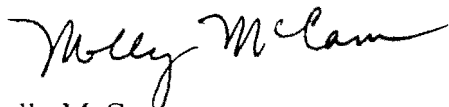
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Brenda Norcross
University of Alaska Fairbanks
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Fairbanks, AK 99775-7220

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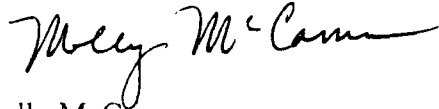
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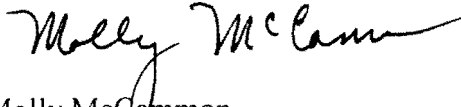
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2 Marine Way, Suite 222
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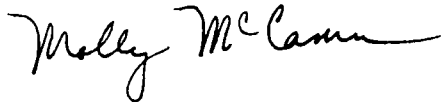
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Stanley Senner
Audubon Society
308 G Street, Suite 217
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Stan:

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Scott Smiley
Fisheries Industrial Technology Center
118 Trident Way
Kodiak, AK 99615

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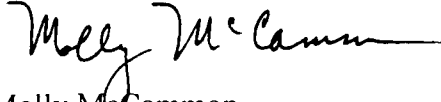
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Stacy Studebaker
P.O. Box 970
Kodiak, AK 99615

Dear Stacy:

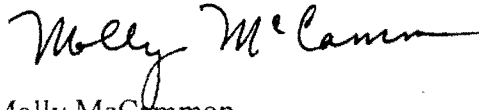
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Michael J. Vigil
P.O. Box 8079
Chenega Bay, AK 99574

Dear Mr. Vigil:

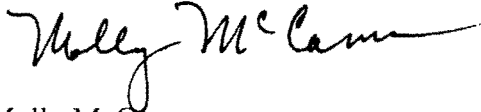
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Kate Williams
Native Village of Eyak
P.O. Box 1388
Cordova, AK 99574

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Edward Zeine
P.O. Box 34
Cordova, AK 99574

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November 6, 2002

Clayton M. White
Department of Integrative Biology
Brigham Young University
P.O. Box 25255
Provo, UT 84602-5255

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November 6, 2002

Ronald G. Clarke
Marine Conservation Alliance
P.O. Box 20676
Juneau, AK 99802

~~Dear Mr. Clarke:~~ *Ron*

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November 6, 2002

Andrew Todd McLaughlin
P.O. Box 8043
Chenega Bay, AK 99574

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November 6, 2002

Alex Viteri, Jr.
4465 Columbia Boulevard
Juneau, AK 99801

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Elizabeth A. Whealy
Executive Director
Alaska Raptor Center
1101 Sawmill Creek Road
Sitka, AK 99835

Dear Ms. Whealy:

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November 6, 2002

Vernon Byrd
Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge
2355 Kachemak Bay Dr., Suite 101
Homer, AK 99603

Dear Vern:

Thank you for applying to be a subcommittee member of the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council's GEM Program. The Trustee Council met on October 29 and again on November 4 to review the membership recommendations made by the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC). Based on that committee's recommendations and the Trustee Council's own review and discussion, the Trustee Council decided to start with one combined Habitat Subcommittee, instead of the four originally envisioned (watershed, nearshore, Alaska Coastal Current, and offshore). I am pleased to inform you that the Trustee Council has selected you for a two-year term as a member of the GEM Habitat Subcommittee (complete list attached). Congratulations. We look forward to working with you as the GEM program develops.

In fact, we hope to take advantage of your expertise as soon as possible. **Please hold open the afternoon of December 3 until noon December 5** for an organizational and briefing meeting in Anchorage. We are using this as an opportunity for you to meet with the newly appointed Public Advisory Committee (PAC) and some of the more local members of the STAC, receive briefings on various aspects of the GEM Program, and review sections of the Draft GEM Science Plan, now under development by the STAC.

The Trustee Council's Science Director, Dr. Phil Mundy, who is also co-chair of the STAC, will be your key contact in our office, and will be sending you an agenda and additional materials in advance of this meeting. Travel and per diem will be paid for all meetings you attend as a subcommittee member. Additional information will be provided soon regarding travel for the December meeting.

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So that you may begin to plan for 2003, Phil has prepared a draft calendar of science program events by month with some comments on where subcommittee members may be called on to help (attached). Subcommittee members are not necessarily directly involved in all of these events, but the complete list is given for context.

The entire science planning and review process, as the Trustee Council transitions from a program focused entirely on direct oil spill effects to the GEM Program, should be considered a work in progress. We will continue to review the process and, with your help, refine it as we go along.

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Again, on behalf of the Trustee Council, thank you for agreeing to participate in the development of an exciting program.

Sincerely,

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Molly McCammon
Executive Director

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SCIENCE PLANNING CALENDAR - 2003

November 5, 2002 Draft

Month	Event	Subcommittee activity
All year	Science Plan	Research questions & testable hypotheses. Help plan & attend workshops and special review panels.
January 13-17, 2002	Annual Workshop	Attend if possible
February	FY 04 Invitation for Proposals	Develop recommendations for STAC consideration
April	FY 04 Proposals Submitted	
April - May	Peer review	Provide names of reviewers. Conduct reviews upon request.
May - June	STAC Recommendations on Projects	
June	FY 04 Draft Work Plan Review and Comment	
August	FY 04 Work Plan Approved	
October - November	Draft Science Plan Review and Comment FY 05 Invitation for Proposals	Review status of draft Science Plan and develop recommendations to STAC for FY 05 Invitation for Proposals

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Bill Hauser
ADF&G Liaison

FROM: Molly McCammon
Executive Director

RE: Authorization -- Project 030052: Interim Funding
Tribal Natural Resource Stewardship

DATE: November 29, 2002

The purpose of this memorandum is to formally authorize expenditure of the interim funding (\$30,100) approved for Project 030052/Tribal Natural Resource Stewardship. The funds were approved for the following purposes, as outlined in the August 6, 2002 Trustee Council Action Spreadsheet:

Resource Program Planner 1 st quarter salary	\$15,000
November Wisdomkeeper workshop	\$ 7,000
Tribal participation in GEM planning meetings	\$ 2,000
CRRC overhead	\$ 3,600
ADF&G GA	\$ 2,500

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Bill Hauser
ADF&G Liaison

FROM: Molly McGammon
Executive Director

RE: Authorization -- Project G-030614: Phase I
*Monitoring Program for Near-Surface Temperature, Salinity, and
Fluorescence in the Northern Pacific Ocean*

DATE: November 29, 2002

The purpose of this memorandum is to formally authorize work to proceed on Phase I of Project G-030614/Monitoring Program for Near-Surface Temperature, Salinity, and Fluorescence in the Northern Pacific Ocean. The work must be performed consistent with the Detailed Project Description submitted April 15, 2002 and the revised budget submitted July 11, 2002.

The amount of funding approved for Phase I is \$18,100 (\$16,600 in direct project costs and \$1,500 in ADF&G general administration).

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Vicki Vanek
Project 02245 Co-PI

FROM: Molly McCammon
Executive Director

RE: Extension of Due Date: 02245 Final Report
Community-Based Harbor Seal Management & Biological Sampling

DATE: November 29, 2002

The purpose of this memo is to confirm a further extension of the due date for the final report on Project 02245/*Community-Based Harbor Seal Management & Biological Sampling*, from November 15, 2002 to December 30, 2002. I understand that the report has been delayed due to the Pls' travel demands.

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Memorandum of Agreement
Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council,
North Pacific Research Board,
and
University of Alaska

Section I. Parties

This Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA") is entered into by the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council, the North Pacific Research Board, the University of Alaska, and any other marine research and monitoring entities that may become signatories to this agreement in the future (the "Parties").

Section II. Purpose

Alaska's oceans and related watersheds are among the most productive ecosystems in existence and the Nation's greatest natural resources. There must be a concerted effort and commitment to maintain, monitor, and protect the long-term health and sustainability of these ecosystems, their habitats and resources. This can be accomplished, in part, through collaborative, coordinated efforts by the Parties to this MOA, each of which conducts, as part of its mission, scientific research and monitoring of the fish and wildlife resources of these waters. This MOA will provide a framework for the Parties to work cooperatively to more effectively accomplish their individual and common missions and provide for the long-term health and sustainability of Alaska's oceans and related watersheds.

Section III. Findings

The Parties find the following:

1. Alaska's oceans and related watersheds are extensive and contain fish and wildlife resources of great economic, social, cultural, and scientific value;
2. Populations of many commercial and non-commercial species in these waters are changing for reasons not well understood;
3. Alaska's oceans and related watersheds can best be managed and understood through an ecosystems-based approach, which is directed toward understanding how habitats and communities of species function together in response to environmental and anthropogenic factors;
4. Improved scientific understanding of marine and marine-related ecosystems will improve management of the region, thereby increasing the sustainability and efficiency of human use;
5. While each Party has its own mission and operates independently, together they share common interests in Alaska's oceans and related watersheds;
6. Scientific understanding of these waters can best be achieved through cooperation and collaboration of the various entities involved in marine research; and
7. Comprehensive, cooperative planning for marine research in Alaska's oceans and related watersheds is necessary to coordinate the efforts of Parties in order to

maximize the benefits to the people who use and depend on Alaska's marine resources.

Section IV. Cooperative and coordinated research planning

The Parties agree to cooperate and coordinate in developing research and monitoring plans for their respective geographic regions. They shall strive to (1) establish shared research priorities and work jointly towards attaining the priorities, (2) coordinate, to the extent permitted by governing legal mandates, the timelines and processes for proposal solicitation, review, and decision-making, and (3) cooperate in developing a network of people to assist with proposal and program reviews upon request.

Section V. Information and data

To enhance communications and availability of information, the Parties agree to:

1. Share information regarding: (a) public meetings and newsletters, (b) timelines and processes for proposal solicitation, review, and decision-making, (c) ongoing and proposed research and monitoring activities, (d) invitations for proposals, and (e) results and data from all scientific research;
2. Cooperate in formulating procedures and mechanisms through which such information can be effectively shared;
3. Develop compatible data standards and quality control procedures so data are of the highest quality and compatible between participating agencies; and
4. Cooperate in jointly synthesizing the results of ongoing monitoring and research efforts undertaken by the Parties and other research entities.

Section VI. Shared resources

To reduce costs, increase efficiency, and avoid duplication of effort, the Parties agree to expedite access to and sharing of each other's facilities and equipment, pooled inventories of costly technology development projects, and scarce human skill sets, consistent with each Party's policies and regulations.

Section VII. Joint meetings

The Parties agree to meet jointly at least annually. The date for each succeeding meeting, as well as the Party (ies) responsible for planning, coordinating, supporting, and reporting on it, shall be established at the annual meeting. These meetings will help to foster cooperation among the parties, share findings with other participatory agencies, evaluate research plans and progress in implementation, and coordinate in establishing priorities for research.

Section VIII. Participation of other entities and facilities

The Parties recognize that adding to this MOA new participatory organizations involved in marine issues relating to Alaska's oceans and related watersheds will better enable participatory organizations to reach shared goals. The Parties agree to:

1. Recognize and promote the participation of other organizations that may contribute to the shared interests of monitoring and research in Alaska's oceans and related watersheds; and
2. Establish a mechanism through which new participants can participate in planning for research and monitoring.

Section IX. General provisions

1. Effective date. This MOA becomes effective upon the date of the signature of the third Party to execute it. This MOA may be executed in counterparts, each of which will be considered an original document.
2. Withdrawal. Any Party to this MOA may withdraw without obligation upon thirty days written notice to the other Parties.
3. Termination. This MOA shall remain in effect until it is terminated by agreement of the Parties.
4. Authority. Nothing in this MOA shall be construed to limit or modify the authority or responsibility of any participating agency.
5. Third parties. This MOA is not intended to, nor shall it, vest rights in persons or entities who are not Parties.
6. Amendment. This MOA may be amended in writing by the unanimous written agreement of the Parties.
7. Antideficiency. Nothing in this MOA shall be construed as obligating the United States, the State of Alaska, or the University of Alaska, their agents or employees, to expend funds in excess of that authorized by law.
8. Effect. This MOA is intended to express the good faith plans and general intentions of the parties, but does not create any legally enforceable obligations.
9. Notice. Any notice, request, order, or communication to the Parties pursuant to this MOA shall be in writing to each Party at the address that follows:

Molly McCammon, Executive Director
Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council
441 West 5th Avenue, Suite 500
Anchorage, AK 99501-2340

David Benton, Chairman
North Pacific Research Board
441 West 5th Avenue, Suite 500
Anchorage, AK 99501-2340

Mark Hamilton, President
University of Alaska
P.O. Box 755000
Fairbanks, AK 99775

Or to such other addresses as any Party may designate in writing.

Accepted as affirmed by our signatures below.



Molly McCammon, Executive Director
Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council

11/26/02

Date

David Benton, Chairman
North Pacific Research Board

Date

Mark Hamilton, President
University of Alaska

Date

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November 25, 2002

Chris Beck
1786 Forest Park Drive
Anchorage, AK 99517

Dear Chris:

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Sincerely,

Molly McCammon
Executive Director

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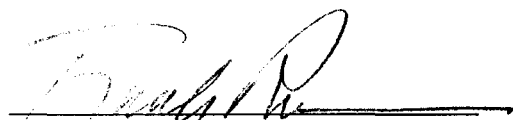


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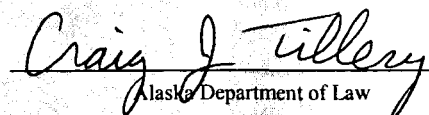
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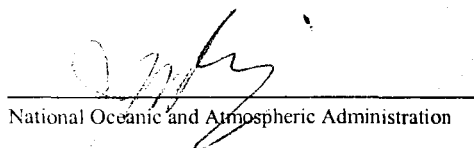
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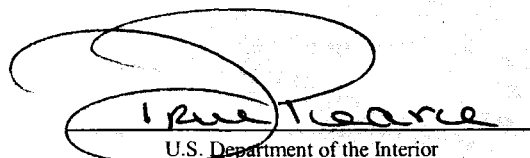
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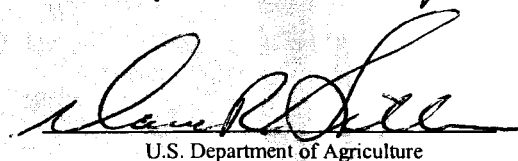
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Chris Blackburn
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Kodiak, AK 99615

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*Chris - do keep in touch.
You've become a special
friend - and I hope we'll
see each other soon.
M.*

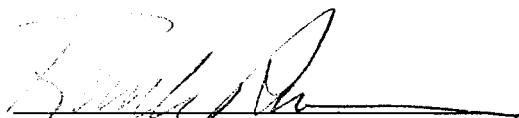


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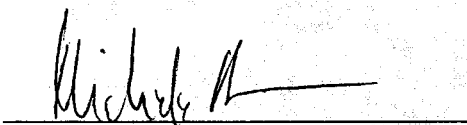
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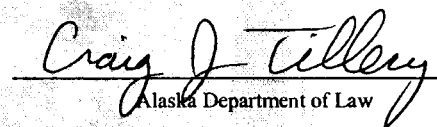
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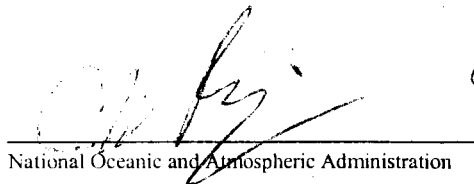
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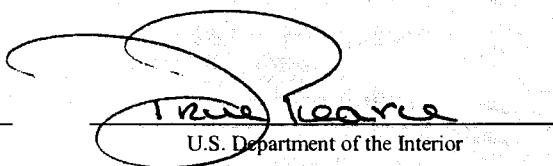
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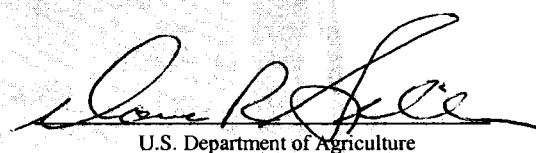
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November 25, 2002

David Cobb
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Dear ~~Dave~~ David:

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Sincerely,

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Dan Hull
PO Box 1396
Cordova, AK 99574

Dear Dan:

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*I'm going to miss you, Dan
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James King
1700 Branta Road
Juneau, AK 99801

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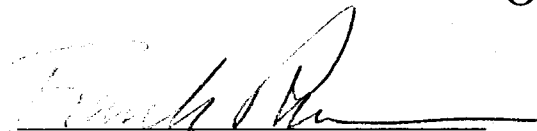


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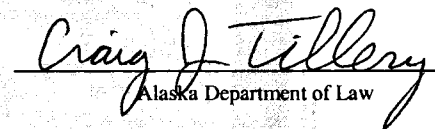
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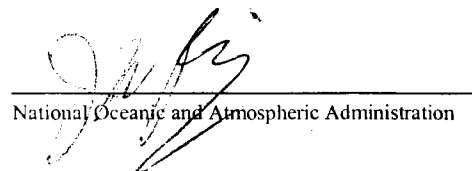
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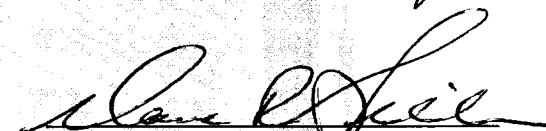
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November 25, 2002

Charles Totemoff
4000 Old Seward Hwy. #101
Anchorage, AK 99503

Chuck
Dear Charles:

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Sincerely,

Molly McCammon

Molly McCammon
Executive Director

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M.*

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November 25, 2002

Martha Vlasoff
3700 Sharon Gagnon Ln. #C124
Anchorage, AK 99508

Dear Martha:

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Sincerely,

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Molly McCommon
Executive Director

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*Keep in touch, Martha.
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November 25, 2002

Paul F. Moersdorf, Ph.D
Director
National Data Buoy Center
Stennis Space Center, Mississippi 39529-6000

Dear Dr. Moersdorf:

Thank you for the information concerning the uplink and archiving service provided by the NOAA Marine Encoder Kit that we received on Nov. 22nd. We will certainly incorporate this service into the data management plans of any proposals which adhere to the remote sensing buoy observation specifications referenced in the compact disc supplied by you. The staff at GEM looks forward to working with you and your agency on common remote sensing technological goals in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Bochenek'.

Rob Bochenek
Data Systems Manager, GEM

Cc: -David Gilhousen

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November 22, 2002

Nancy Bird, Executive Director
Prince William Sound Science Center
Oil Spill Recovery Institute
PO Box 705
Cordova, AK 99574

Re: Coordination and cooperation with Gulf of Alaska Ecosystem Monitoring and Research Program, GEM

Dear Nancy:

This is a letter of support and advice to you and the Oil Spill Recovery Institute Advisory Board as you work through this challenging period of transition for your program. I understand that the OSRI Advisory Board is considering a change in direction in its program emphasis, and is in the process of developing a new strategic plan. I would like to comment on the value of several existing OSRI activities to GEM and the Coastal Alaska Observatory System, CAOS (see attachment). In so doing I speak as an Alaskan scientist, a member of the CAOS steering committee, and the Science Director for the Trustee Council. Please note that my comments have not been endorsed or adopted by the steering committee or the Trustee Council.

Before providing comments on the projects that represent opportunities for continued cooperation between GEM and OSRI, let me emphasize that my intention is solely to point out the importance to GEM and Alaska's other regional marine observing capabilities of certain OSRI efforts. It is my hope that information relating OSRI activities to GEM and other coastal observing efforts will prove useful, as the board makes its decisions on the utility of OSRI projects to its new strategic plan.

Most of you know about the Trustee Council's efforts to develop GEM from presentations and visits to the Board by Molly McCammon, our Executive Director and me, over the past three years. One of GEM's founding concepts is that long-term monitoring of marine resources and the marine environment is an indispensable part of understanding, predicting and responding to changes in living marine resources resulting from either natural forces or human actions. I understand this concept to be part of the mission of OSRI, being especially applicable for formulating effective responses to catastrophic human actions, such as an oil spill.

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Interests shared with GEM make OSRI an important and essential partner for developing GEM, especially in the area of observational platforms and supporting models of the physical and biological environment. Some specific examples follow.

Hinchinbrook Entrance Physical Oceanography: The ADCP mooring in Hinchinbrook Entrance supported by GEM, is important to both GEM and the development of the Alaskan components of the Integrated and Sustained Ocean Observing System, IOOS (see attachment). To be fully useful, the data from the mooring need to be combined with data from surface vessel transects supported by OSRI. These projects are directed by Dr. Shari Vaughan and Mr. Sheldon Gay. Measuring and modeling the exchange of waters between Prince William Sound and the Gulf of Alaska at all depths in the Entrance is an essential part of understanding the causes of change in valued natural resources of the northern Gulf of Alaska. The biological implications of the transport of carbon and nutrients into Prince William Sound are profound, as fully explained in the recent special volume of Fisheries Oceanography devoted to the work of the EVOS SEA program. Hinchinbrook data are also vitally important to understand what, if any interactions occur between the Alaska Coastal Current (ACC) and PWS in order to better understand the dynamics of the ACC. Yearly and seasonal variations in the dynamics of the ACC contribute to variability in the populations of birds, fish and mammals so important to the missions of management agencies, and also to the subsistence and commercial harvesters in the northern Gulf.

PWS Meteorological and Ocean Stations: The Meteorological Workshop of December 2000, organized and sponsored by OSRI, and supported by EVOS and other concerned entities, identified a critical gap in surface wind vector data from within PWS that imposed limitations on the utility of physical current models for use in oil spill response, search and rescue, and support of biological modeling. EVOS/GEM has supported physical current modeling on Prince William Sound in the past, and I look forward to the time when OSRI and GEM observations will make important contributions to a system of physical models that will cover the area from the central Gulf to Prince William Sound. Indeed, the IOOS envisions meteorological and ocean observing stations as federally funded elements of a national backbone of nearshore and offshore observations that support regional interests, such as biological and physical modeling for operational and retrospective uses, such as resource management and oil spill response. Elements of existing networks of observing stations, such as those supported by OSRI and GEM, are prime candidates for incorporation into IOOS.

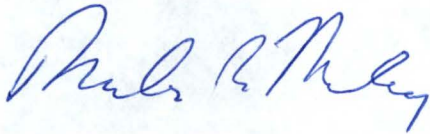
Nearshore Research and Monitoring: The EVOS staff is currently working with Dr. Mary Anne Bishop (PWSSC) and co-authors, to develop a long-term nearshore monitoring project on the Copper River delta. GEM is now emphasizing development of a geographically distributed network of nearshore observing stations for detecting and understanding changes in nearshore biota. Physical factors, such as currents and winds, are well known to be critical in shaping species composition and abundance of nearshore biota, and will be absolutely essential to distinguish effects of human forcing from natural factors in the nearshore in the long-term. Physical observation and modeling projects supported by OSRI and GEM are therefore material to the success of GEM's nearshore program in the Prince William Sound region.

Nancy Bird re: OSRI – GEM Cooperation

I have highlighted only what I see as the three most critical areas of current cooperation and potential partnership, due to limitations imposed by available time and the need to provide the Board sufficient technical detail for its deliberations. Please do not hesitate to call on me if you need clarification or further information.

I look forward to working with you and the Board in the future.

Sincerely,



Phillip R. Mundy, Science Director

CC: OSRI Advisory Board Members
Molly McCammon
Two Crow (Dr. Jim Schumacher)
Clarence Pautzke

ATTACHMENT FOR LETTER TO NANCY BIRD:

***Briefing Summary
Integrated and Sustained Ocean Observing System, IOOS
Prepared for the
Joint Meeting Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council, North Pacific Research Board,
Northern Fund, and University of Alaska***

Anchorage, October 29, 2002

Brief: The IOOS is an oceanographic funding initiative spearheaded by Ocean.US that is supported by fourteen federal agencies, with additional support from the President and members of Congress. It is being designed as part of the U.S. contribution to implementation of GOOS. Alaska is defining the part it will play in IOOS through the coordinating body known as CAOS. Having a working definition of the elements of Alaska's IOOS is essential for the region to participate in funding from the national level.

Detailed definitions of three acronyms, GOOS, Ocean.US, CAOS follows.

1. The GOOS Global Ocean Observing System

The GOOS is a response to long standing advice from the scientific community to establish a network of operational oceanography, to support the National Weather Service, and to extend its capabilities. The advice was represented in the U.S. by the Stratton Commission report.

Stratton Commission Recommendation: The Commission recommends that the Nation's civil oceanographic monitoring and prediction activities be integrated with the existing national weather system (as well as certain aspects of the systems for monitoring the solid earth) to provide a single comprehensive system ... (Stratton Commission, 1969, Chapter 5). Stratton Commission recommendations led to the formation of NOAA.

The U.S. GOOS Steering Committee, established by NOAA, is developing a federation of coastal marine observing systems to interface with the international system of oceanographic observations. U.S. GOOS Steering Committee works closely with Ocean.US. GEM is represented on the U.S. GOOS Steering Committee by Phil Mundy. GEM was chosen by the steering committee as a model of a developing regional observing program.

2. Ocean.US

Ocean.US was created by the National Oceanographic Partnership Program in late 2000. NOPP is a collaboration of fourteen Federal agencies to provide leadership and coordination of national oceanographic research and education programs. In the coming decade, an integrated and sustained ocean observing system (IOOS) will

become operational. Information from this system will serve national needs for the following:

- *Detecting and forecasting oceanic components of climate variability*
- *Facilitating safe and efficient marine operations*
- *Ensuring national security*
- *Managing resources for sustainable use*
- *Preserving and restoring healthy marine ecosystems*
- *Mitigating natural hazards*
- *Ensuring public health*

Ocean.US is spearheading the effort to get federal funding for a national coastal observing system (moorings, ships, satellite coverage) at the request of the President and members of Congress. It is preparing a report to Congress scheduled for delivery in late 2002. NPRB/UAF/GEM connections to Ocean.US are Dave Musgrave (UAF) who served as one of the national experts consulted in the preparation of the report, and Phil Mundy (GEM) who serves on the Data and Communications subcommittee as leader of the public outreach group.

The Alaska region as a whole needs to have a unified concept of its needs for a coastal observing system in place as soon as possible, in order to be able to receive any federal funding resulting from the Ocean.US initiative. Funding in FY 04 is possible, but FY 05 is more likely.

3. CAOS The Coastal Alaska Observatory System

Alaska's response to the Ocean.US initiative, and to the need for comprehensive planning in marine research is being led by the Two Crow (Dr. Jim Schumacher) and the Steering Committee of CAOS. Two Crow will provide a separate briefing on CAOS.

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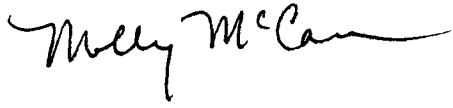
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Your work and interest in our program are appreciated and I look forward to opportunities to work with you in the future.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Molly McCammon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Molly" and last name "McCammon" clearly distinguishable.

Molly McCammon
Executive Director

cc: Phil Mundy
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Molly McCammon

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Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2002 11:27 AM
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Cc: Katharine Miller; Phil Mundy; Brenda Hall; Mark Johannes
Subject: Submission of Draft Final Report on EVOS #02612



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Dear Molly,

Attached is our response to funding recommendation on EVOS G030684 and the draft final report on EVOS #02612. Hard copies of the response letter and draft final report are being sent to you by express mail.

It looks an enormous amount of work to develop Kenai River Watershed Study Plan and we are very pleased with the breadth and opportunities developed within this draft report. We hope that you like the concept we developed that cuts and integrates across interdisciplinary approaches, and habitat and watershed types to link to GEM perspectives and that you would reconsider your recommendation on continued funding for implementation aspects of this project. We look forward to your comments, feedback and support.

Sincerely
Asit Mazumder
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November 13, 2003

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ATTENTION Draft Work Plan for FY 2003: Phase II

Dear Molly:

We appreciate the opportunity to review the Draft Work Plan for fiscal year 2003 (Phase II). The preliminary recommendation from the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) for our proposal Sustainable Management in the Kenai River Watershed (Project No. G-030684), which is intended to bring our current study (*Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Restoration Project 02612) into the implementation phase, was "Do Not Fund". The main comment of the STAC was that our proposal does not synthesize ideas and research that cuts across habitat types and watersheds. As authors of this proposal, we disagree with that comment and therefore the STAC's and Executive Director's preliminary recommendations.

We also appreciate the funding support by EVOS during 2002 to develop a study plan for the Kenai River watershed. Our Kenai River watershed initiative (EVOS Project 02612) is intended to integrate interdisciplinary knowledge on nutrients and energy and their sources and pathways within the Kenai River watershed as the sensitive link between resource productivity and terrestrial (forests, wetlands, glaciers), freshwater (lakes, rivers, and stream) and marine (nearshore, estuarine) habitat types. We identified 4 major research themes representing the most important components of the Kenai River watershed and their connection to Cook Inlet and ultimately to the Gulf of Alaska: lakes, rivers and streams, nearshore marine and wetland-terrestrial ecosystems. This project is interdisciplinary and clearly cuts and integrates across habitat and ecosystem types that link watershed processes and productivity to nearshore marine ecosystems of Gulf of Alaska.

We have completed the study plan (Draft Final Report) for "Detecting and Understanding Marine-Terrestrial Linkages in a Developing Watershed: Nutrient Cycling in the Kenai River Watershed". Therefore, we understand that the STAC could not fully evaluate our new proposal (G-030684) without reviewing the study plan from project 02612 (which we had expected to complete by mid-October).

Enclosed please find the study plan (Draft Final Report) from project 02612, which describes an integrated and interdisciplinary plan for the purpose of understanding nutrient and energy



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pathways and terrestrial-aquatic linkages in the Kenai River watershed. We hope that the STAC and Executive Director will reconsider their recommendations for our current proposal (G-030684) in light of our completed study plan, which we believe is highly responsive to the invitation for synthesis proposals that cut across habitat types, including watersheds.

Also, in our original proposal for project G-030684 we identified a total EVOS budget request of \$59.9k. We apologize for the confusion. The budget document shows the total project cost (of \$89.9), but the "comments" section page 1 shows matching funds of \$30.0k for a net request from EVOS for \$59.9k.

Finally, we hope our completed study plan along with any public comments you receive will allow the STAC and Executive Director to reconsider our proposal. There is broad stakeholder and agency interest and support for taking our research plan and focus it into a directed and implemented program. To that end, we feel our proposal should receive high priority for Fiscal Year 2003, Phase II.

Thank you for reviewing our study plan and considering our comments herein. We look forward to continue working with the Trustee Council through the proposal review and public comment process.

Sincerely,

Asit Mazumder, University of Victoria

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FROM: Molly McCammon
Executive Director

DATE: November 20, 2002

RE: MOA between Sitka Tribe and ADF&G

I have mentioned the attached MOA to a number of you. You can contact ADF&G or the Sitka Tribe if you would like additional information concerning it. I hope you find it useful.

Cc: Frank Rue

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE SITKA TRIBE OF ALASKA
AND STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME**

This MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT is entered into between the Sitka Tribe of Alaska, hereinafter referred to as the "Tribe", and the State of Alaska Department of Fisheries and Game, hereinafter referred to as "ADF&G". This MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT is further witnessed by the State of Alaska, Board of Fisheries as requested by formal motion of the Board. This Agreement serves in addition to but does not supercede existing laws, regulations, policies and agreements that recognize and enforce a subsistence priority and the unique relationship between Tribal Governments and the State of Alaska.

This Memorandum of Agreement provides the structure for collaboration between the Tribe and ADF&G to "distribute commercial harvest if necessary so that subsistence users have a reasonable opportunity to harvest" while recognizing that the "quality and quantity of herring roe on branches and herring sac roe is an important consideration in the management of subsistence and commercial fisheries." Hereinafter, "subsistence" will be referred to in this Agreement as the "customary and traditional" harvest and/or uses of herring and herring eggs.

The parties to this Agreement recognize that the Tribe, in managing Tribal affairs within the Sheet'ka Kwaan [please see attached map], has information, resources, and responsibilities beneficial to ADF&G. ADF&G, in managing natural resources within the State, has information and resources beneficial to the Tribe. Thus, the Tribe and ADF&G will consult and cooperate in the management of all commercial fisheries, hereinafter referred to as "commercial herring fisheries", occurring within the greater Sitka Sound area, understood to be the waters of Section 13-B, north of the latitude of Aspid Cape, excluding the waters of Whale and Necker Bays.

These commercial fisheries include all commercial herring fisheries existing when this document is signed and any/all commercial herring fisheries developed in the future. Additionally, the Tribe and ADF&G will collaborate on the management of the customary and traditional herring and herring egg fisheries through this document, which establishes an annual herring-monitoring program.

SECTION I: COMMUNICATION AND COLLABORATION AGREEMENT

In Section I of this Agreement, a framework is established for consultation between the Tribe and ADF&G that recognizes the unique responsibilities the Tribe has for protecting its tribal citizens and the obligations the State of Alaska has with federally recognized Tribal Governments.

A. TRIBAL CONSULTATION PROCESS

The Tribe Shall:

1. Enter into specific agreements or contracts with ADF&G and/or other parties to accomplish the agreed upon programs and projects arising from this Memorandum of Agreement.

2. Consult and collaborate with ADF&G on commercial herring fisheries management activities in the greater Sitka Sound area.
3. Forward names of tribal citizens who will participate in the annual pre-season planning meeting(s) [Section II, part A].
4. Appoint a Tribal Liaison to coordinate in-season collaborative management and data gathering [Section II, parts B and C].
5. Encourage its Council, citizens and harvesters to attend tribal meetings, local ADF&G Advisory Committee meetings, public ADF&G meetings and other forums where there is an opportunity for open communication regarding the traditional and commercial herring fisheries within the greater Sitka Sound area.
6. Prepare and provide an annual collaborative management and customary and traditional herring harvest monitoring report to ADF&G and the Board of Fisheries.

B. ADF&G CONSULTATIVE PROCESS

ADF&G Shall:

1. Make ADF&G resources and professional expertise available for the furtherance of this Agreement, subject to the applicable State laws, regulations, and ADF&G directives, for the affected area and subject to the approval by the Commissioner or designated representatives.
2. Consult with the Tribe when developing regulatory proposals for the greater Sitka Sound area herring fisheries.
3. Cooperate in the planning, implementation, and monitoring of project work undertaken pursuant to agreements or contracts arising from this Agreement.
4. Assign an ADF&G Liaison who shall be responsible for routine consultative activities between the Tribe and ADF&G.
5. Inform and invite the Sitka Tribe's appointed tribal citizens and Tribal Liaison to attend all pre-season and in-season stakeholder planning meetings [Section II, Section A].
6. Contact the Tribe prior to release of commercial guideline harvest level information to the media [Section II, part D].
7. Participate, to the extent possible, in Sitka Tribe of Alaska Council and other appropriate tribal and public meetings regarding the management of the commercial herring fisheries in the greater Sitka Sound area.
8. To the extent possible, provide technical assistance to the Tribe as it conducts the annual customary and traditional harvest-monitoring program [Section III].

SECTION II: COLLABORATIVE MANAGMEENT OF THE GREATER SITKA SOUND COMMERICAL FISHERIES

A. PRE-SEASON MANAGEMENT

The Tribe will participate in the Sitka Herring Fisheries Pre-Season Meeting(s).

1. Each year, the Tribe will forward the names of three tribal citizens to participate in ADF&G's pre-season meetings to coordinate the annual management of the greater Sitka Sound commercial herring fisheries.

2. Tribal citizens participating in the annual meeting(s) will be empowered by the Tribe to speak on its behalf regarding pre-season planning for management of the commercial herring fisheries.
3. Tribal citizens participating in the meeting(s) will report to the Tribal Council and its citizens and will report to the Tribal Liaison prior to and during the fisheries regarding pre-season plans and in-season activities.

B. IN-SEASON MANAGEMENT

The Sitka Tribe will participate in collaborative management of the greater Sitka Sound commercial herring fisheries.

1. Prior to commercial fisheries, the Tribe shall forward the names and contact information for the Tribal Liaison, empowered by the Tribe to speak on behalf of the Tribal Council and to be the sole point of contact during greater Sitka Sound commercial fisheries.
2. Contact between the Tribal Liaison and ADF&G will occur daily or as often as needed and at minimum will occur prior to a public announcement of a commercial opening.
3. ADF&G will provide estimations of the times and locations of the day's test fishing activities to the Tribal Liaison. Observations of the previous day's test fishing will be recorded by the Tribal Liaison and will be reported to ADF&G during in-season meetings and the Tribe's annual activities report.
4. When commercial fisheries are placed on two-hour notice, ADF&G will make regular announcements on the VHF radio (Ch. 10) and the Tribal Liaison will monitor this channel.
5. During in-season meetings to determine fishery openings, the Tribal Liaison and ADF&G will consult regarding whether the proposed opening will affect customary and traditional harvesters.
6. If the Tribe concludes there is the potential for customary and traditional harvesters to be negatively impacted by the proposed opening, the Tribal Liaison will provide this conclusion and reasoning to the ADF&G Liaison verbally and in writing.
7. Following the Sitka Sound commercial herring fisheries, ADF&G will provide a written summary of the fisheries and provide this report to the Sitka Tribe.

C. DATA GATHERING

The Tribe will be involved to the extent possible with data gathering activities conducted by ADF&G to estimate the quantity, quality and distribution of herring and herring eggs in the greater Sitka Sound area used to plan and implement commercial harvest activities.

1. ADF&G will consult the Tribe during pre-season, in-season and post-season data gathering activities.
2. The Tribal Liaison, tribal biologist or other Tribal representatives may accompany ADF&G to assist in gathering data as opportunities arise. The ADF&G Liaison will contact the Tribe's in-season Liaison with dates and details concerning these opportunities.
3. Copies of ADF&G's management and stock assessment data will be made available to the Tribe. This includes, but is not limited to, cast net surveys, spawn deposition transects, and aerial maps identifying length and locations of spawning areas.

4. After ADF&G has compiled the majority of their commercial fishery management data, ADF&G and the Tribe will meet to discuss this information.

D. CONSULTATION PRIOR TO MEDIA NOTIFICATION

ADF&G's Liaison will contact the Tribe's General Manager to set a meeting with the Tribal Council prior to the release of the season's estimated and guideline commercial harvest quota information to the media.

1. A consultation meeting between the Tribe and ADF&G will be initiated by ADF&G at least one week prior to the release of the year's estimated commercial guideline harvest level to the media.
2. If agreed to by both the Tribe and ADF&G, the consultation meeting prior to the release of the guideline harvest level to the media may be accomplished through ADF&G's pre-season management planning meetings. Agreement must be requested by ADF&G and be provided by the Tribe in writing.

SECTION III: ANNUAL CUSTOMARY AND TRADITIONAL HARVEST MONITORING PROGRAM

A. IMPLEMENTATION OF A TRADITIONAL HARVEST MONITORING PROGRAM

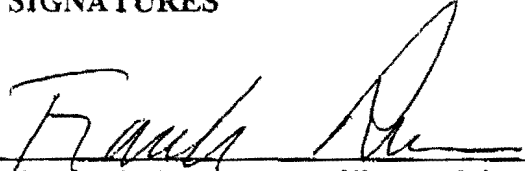
Beginning in 2002, the Tribe and ADF&G will establish and maintain, contingent on tribal funding, an annual customary and traditional herring egg harvest-monitoring program.

1. The Tribe will collaborate with ADF&G in 2002 to create and conduct an annual customary and traditional harvest-monitoring program based on post-season surveys and interviews with local harvesters.
2. The annual harvest-monitoring program will follow standard survey sampling methodology.
3. The Tribe and ADF&G will collaboratively conduct the harvest interviews. The Tribe and ADF&G will collaboratively maintain the survey data, including a confidential list of participants and their contact information.
4. The Tribe will provide ADF&G with harvest data each year and this raw data will be analyzed by ADF&G using standard statistical techniques. ADF&G may post the survey results on their Statewide Subsistence Harvest Database but there will be no way for a user of this database to view any personal information regarding survey participant.
5. Participation in the survey is voluntary and confidential and will not serve to limit a participant's future harvest activities.
6. The Tribe and ADF&G will collaborate to improve the survey interview reporting system and survey methodology, with ADF&G providing technical consultative work and, when possible, field interview project support.
7. The Tribe and ADF&G will work to identify and pursue funding opportunities to support this important customary and traditional harvest monitoring activity. Funding pursuits include but are not limited to, project support for staff at the Tribe and ADF&G, historical and present day expanded interview projects and site-use mapping.

IV. EFFECTIVE DATE AND REVISIONS


1. The effective date of this agreement shall be from the date of the final signature.
2. This agreement is entered in good faith by the signatories and its success depends on continued mutual communication and good will. Either signatory may request a review for the purpose of modifying this agreement at any time. No revision shall be binding without the written consent of both parties.
3. A signatory may terminate its participation in this agreement by providing notice in writing 30 days in advance of the date on which its termination becomes effective.

V. SIGNATURES



For the Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Frank Rue, Commissioner

11.04.02
Date



For the Sitka Tribe of Alaska
Gilbert Truitt, Vice Chairman

Nov. 4, 2002
Date

This Memorandum of Agreement is consistent with the collaborative management and research approach regarding commercial herring fisheries and customary and traditional harvest monitoring in the greater Sitka Sound area discussed and agreed to by the Board of Fisheries in actions taken January 14, 2002.

For the State of Alaska, Board of Fish
Edward Dersham, Chairman

Date

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Dear Ms. Maiden and Ms. Wei:

I am writing this letter in support of the objectives of the research and education proposal entitled "Coastal Ocean Database for Alaska (CODA): Long-term Monitoring, Research and Modeling of Alaska's Oceans, Coasts and Watersheds," submitted to your office in response to the NASA CAN-02-OES-01 (Earth Science Research, Education and Applications Solutions Network). The principal investigators and collaborators involved in this proposal have come together to propose what we feel would be a major contribution to NASA, the United States' Integrated Sustained Ocean Observing System, the State of Alaska, and the implementation of the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council's major program, the Gulf of Alaska Ecosystem Monitoring and Research Program (GEM).

Our Science Director, Dr. Phillip Mundy, and staff are most interested in supporting this proposal by cooperating with NASA through the efforts of the collaborators, who have come together to design, implement and operate the CODA System. As an organization charged with long-term monitoring, we have access to substantial expertise in the area of natural resource assessment and management. In addition, we hold valuable long-term datasets and information we would be interested in sharing as part of this program. The Trustee Council expects to benefit from the CODA Project, as well as from the sharing of data with the other agencies involved. This cooperative approach will help us all to better understand and manage our marine resources.

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In the past we have contributed to community and stakeholder meetings to define better ways to understand Alaska's oceans, watersheds and coastal regions. In addition to supporting the research objectives of the CODA proposal, we endorse the educational outreach program involving local communities, stakeholders, the general public, and policy and decision makers.

We look forward to a productive program and cooperative relationship with the CODA project and NASA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Molly McCammon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Molly" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "McCammon".

Molly McCammon
Executive Director

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