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# Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Kevin Buckland, Finance Officer, ADF&G  
Bruce Nessler, Budget Officer, DOI  
Divina Palayo, Accountant, ADF&G  
Sue Bump, Investment Officer, DOR

**FROM:** Gail Phillips *Gail Phillips*  
Executive Director

**SUBJECT:** Authorization to Transfer Funds  
Authorization to Transfer Funds to Trustee Agencies

**DATE:** December 29, 2005

Per the attached documents, this memo authorizes the transfer of funds from the EVOS Research Investment Sub-Account to the GeFONSI Fund. The Alaska Department of Law and the United States Department of Justice have notified the United States District Court of our intent to expend \$168,514.20 from the Research Investment Sub-Accounts and \$136,558.34 from balances already transferred to the NRDA-R Fund.

Description	From Research Sub-Account	From NRDA-R Fund
FY 2006	\$ 168,514.20	\$ 136,558.34
Subtotal State of Alaska \$ 168,514.20		
Subtotal United States \$ 136,558.34		
Total \$ 305,072.54		
<b>TOTAL \$ 305,072.54</b>	\$ 168,514.20	\$ 136,558.34
Subtotal United States \$136,558.34	To be disbursed as follows:	To be disbursed as follows:
Subtotal State of Alaska \$168,514.20	\$168,514.20 to the State of Alaska	\$136,558.34 to the United States

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Memo: K. Buckland  
Transfer of Funds  
December 29, 2005

There have been two Trustee Council meetings [November 10 and December 2, 2005 (continued on December 15, 2005)] since the last court notice on September 28, 2005.

The following documents are attached:

- Court Notice #15

If you have any questions or need additional materials, please let me know.

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Rita Hoffmann, Alaska Department of Law  
Regina Belt, U.S. Department of Justice

FROM: Gail Phillips  
Executive Director *Gail Phillips*

DATE: December 16, 2005

RE: Court Notice # 15 – November 10, 2005 TC approvals

The purpose of this memorandum is to request that the Alaska Department of Law and the United States Department of Justice notify the United States District Court of our intent to expend \$305,072.54 -- \$168,514.20 from the Research Investment Sub-Account and \$136,558.34 from the NRDA-R Fund.

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The following documents are attached:

- Resolution 0604
- Attachments A and B to Resolution 0604
- Resolution 0605
- September 21, 2005 meeting notes
- November 10, 2005 meeting notes

If you have any questions or need additional materials, please let me know.

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FY06 court notice

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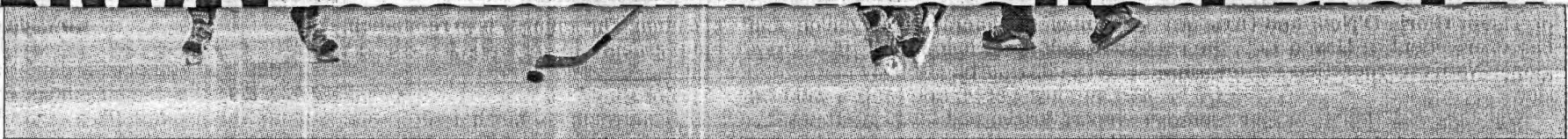
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★ TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2005



BILL ROTH / Anchorage Daily News

Connor Shuck, 15, skates with the puck while playing hockey Monday on Westchester Lagoon with his mother, Kris Shuck, left, and his brother Andrei Shuck, 11, right.

## Spill council director moves on

■ **PHILLIPS:** Appointee is to lead commission to celebrate statehood.

By TOM KIZZIA  
Anchorage Daily News

Gail Phillips is departing as executive director of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council, state officials said Monday. The state-federal council, which has provoked some controversy lately while changing its research and

spending priorities, said it will search for a new director.

The former state House speaker, who has served nearly three years as the council's head, is leaving under a "joint decision of everyone concerned," said state Fish and Game Commissioner McKie Campbell, one of three state trustees on the six-person council. He would not elaborate, other than to praise Phillips' work with the council.

Michael Baffrey, a career feder-

al employee who is a liaison to the council from the U.S. Interior Department, will step in as interim director, the council said in a press release.

Phillips leaves the position Jan. 3. She is leaving so she can devote her energies to the Alaska Statehood Celebration Commission, where she is the unpaid chairwoman, according to the council's statement. The commission was created by the Legislature earlier this year to organize a celebration

for 2008, culminating in the 50th anniversary of Alaska statehood on Jan. 3, 2009.

"It's nice to be going into something that's real meaningful for the state," Phillips said Monday.

Phillips was appointed to the \$100,000-a-year job in March 2003 by Gov. Frank Murkowski, replacing director Molly McCammon. A five-term legislator from Homer, Phillips ran briefly for governor in



Gail Phillips was appointed executive director of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trust in March 2003. She is leaving the position Jan. 3.

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have sued the parent company, Diebold, for problems with its voting machines.

In Florida, Gov. Jeb Bush said the state should rethink how it tests the machines after a county elections official said they could be hacked into. Diebold's chief executive, Wally O'Dell, quit last week. He earlier was criticized for inviting people in 2003 to a fundraiser for President Bush with a letter stating he planned to help "Ohio deliver its electoral votes to the president."

Efforts to speak with a Diebold company representative late Monday were unsuccessful.

Alaska has confidence in the Diebold AccuVote machines because recounts and hand counts have always verified the electronic results, said Shelly Growden, elections supervisor in the Fairbanks regional office.

Voters fill out paper ballots that can then be compared to the electronic vote totals, she said.

The state Elections Division publishes voting results on the Web in two ways. An "official results" summary gives vote totals by candidate. A "statement

banks Senate race. Democrat Rita Allee earned 5,366 votes, according to a report in the summary report, Brown said.

In addition, more than 200 percent of the registered voters in some districts cast ballots, which should be impossible.

There are explanations for the kooky numbers, Brewster and Growden said.

First, the Municipality of Anchorage had a special election at the same time as the state general election. If a voter cast ballots in both elections, the electronic ballot scanners counted each as if from a separate voter.

"There is no way to trick the tabulation system into counting that as anything but two votes cast," Brewster said.

Plus, the state pushed early voting, when voters can go to certain spots before Election Day to vote.

The catch is that those ballots were totaled in each of the state's four election regions, not reported by House district. The regional total shows up on the state reporting form in every district.

For instance, in Anchorage's

es, the number in mathematics or engineering. It was an eye-opening experience for the chairman

of the Alaska Republican Party, who said he's asked the state to change its format next time around.

Brown said it shouldn't be so complicated or confusing.

"You have to add things together and back things out to get to the statewide summary and make it all match," Brown said.

The division essentially says "trust us." That is why the Democrats are asking for data so they can check it all themselves, she said.

The Democrats are not asserting that anyone hacked into the computers or that anyone who lost a race really should have won, Brown said.

"We are trying to determine how many votes each candidate got in each district, and we can't tell that from the public data," she said.

■ Daily News reporter Lisa Demer can be reached at [ldemer@adn.com](mailto:ldemer@adn.com) and 257-4390.

## PHILLIPS: Council director leaves

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2002, then, when Murkowski entered the race, she stepped aside and ran for lieutenant governor instead. She lost to Loren Leman in the Republican primary.

A longtime advocate for resource development and a promoter of oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Phillips was a somewhat controversial choice to head the trustee council. The council was charged after the 1989 spill with using the \$900 million settlement with Exxon for research and restoration efforts. Just more than \$100 million of that settlement is left.

"Having a strong advocate for oil development managing an oil spill restoration effort seemed a mismatch from the start," said one critic, University of Alaska Anchorage marine biologist Rick Steiner. He was concerned that the council, under the Bush and Murkowski administrations, might want to understate long-term damage from the spill to promote oil development elsewhere.

Steiner said Phillips appeared to do a good job. "She seemed like an amiable person and was willing to listen," he said.

But the council members themselves — three trustees representing state agencies, three federal — sometimes seemed to be marching on a different course from their executive director. At a meeting last August, for example, the council members adopted a work plan for the coming year that they introduced at the last minute, setting aside the plan that Phillips and her staff had drawn up.

Trustees are trying to focus the council's energies on "resources most directly impacted by the

spill," Campbell said. "We want to make sure that it's not just funding academic science."

Campbell and Phillips said Monday that they agreed on that direction. Campbell attributed the blind-siding of staff last summer to "logistical problems in communication."

The shift in priorities has been controversial with some members of public and scientific advisory groups established under the spill settlement. Some members say they have not been kept well-informed as the council drops some of the long-term research programs. Sixteen years after the spill, the current trustees have spoken of trying to achieve closure on some issues and of a need to consolidate studies completed.

Hanging over the trustee council is the deadline next summer for the spill settlement's reopener clause, which would allow the state and federal governments to return to federal court seeking up to \$100 million more for continuing and unforeseen spill impacts. The decision on whether to seek more money will not be up to the trustees but will be based on research undertaken by scientists working for the council.

Campbell also said the council is concerned about spending on staff as big projects wind down. "We are looking at overhead very closely," he said.

However, he said the council plans to fill several major staff vacancies along with the executive director position. Those include a budget officer and a chief scientist.

The latter position has gone unfilled since former chief scientist Phil Mundy was fired by Phillips during Christmas week last year.

## **PRESS RELEASE**

December 19, 2005

(Anchorage) – Gail Phillips, Executive Director of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill (EVOS) Trustee Council, today announced that she is leaving her EVOS post effective January 3, 2006. Ms. Phillips has served as Executive Director of EVOS for two and a half years.

Since April '05, Ms. Phillips has also been serving as the Chairperson of the Alaska Statehood Celebration Commission, a State of Alaska Commission charged with planning and administering all official state activities leading up to and associated with the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of Alaska statehood.

“My work on the Celebration Commission is increasing steadily and I feel that the new year is an appropriate time to make a transition”, said Ms. Phillips. “I have enjoyed serving the people of Alaska as the EVOS Executive Director and look forward to continuing my service through my work on the Commission”.

As the EVOS Trustees seek to fill the Executive Director position, Michael Baffrey will serve as Interim Executive Director. Mr. Baffrey is a career federal employee who currently serves as a Department of Interior liaison to the EVOS Trustee Council.

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### **Contacts:**

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465-4100



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December 15, 2005

The Honorable Mark Begich  
Mayor, Municipality of Anchorage  
632 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mayor Begich:

*Mark -*

Thank you so much for agreeing to give the welcoming address for our Annual Marine Science Symposium in January. This conference is being held at the downtown Hilton Hotel. We would like for you to make your welcoming comments between 8:30 and 9:00am on the morning of Monday, January 23, 2006.

We anticipate approximately 500 attendees for the Symposium – there will be scientists from all over the country, students and the public in attendance. As soon as we have the official program and agenda printed, I will make certain you get a copy.

There are so many exciting things going on in Anchorage now and in the near future; I'm certain you'll have plenty of good things to talk about.

Thanks again for your time.

Sincerely,

*Gail*

Gail Phillips  
Executive Director

*Thanks so much for  
doing this for us.*

Cc: Clarence Pautzke, NPRB  
Molly McCammon, AOOS  
Thelma Snow, Mayor's Office

December 14, 2005

[Name/Address]

Dear [Name]:

RE: EVOSTC Science Director Position

Thank you very much for your application for our Science Director position. We received applications from a number of highly-qualified scientists, which made the job of selecting just one person quite difficult.

This letter is to formally advise you that we did not select you for this position; however, we do thank you again for your interest in employment with the Trustee Council. Good luck to you as you pursue employment opportunities.

Sincerely,

Gail Phillips  
Executive Director

cc: Trustee Council

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Mr. Carlos Paez  
[carlos-diane@gci.net]

Dear Mr. Paez:

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Sincerely,

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Gail Phillips  
Executive Director

cc: Trustee Council

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Robin Williams  
Dept. of Marine Sciences  
University of Puerto Rico  
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[williams@ece.uprm.edu]

Dear Robin Williams:

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Dear Mr. Srinivasan:

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Mr. Pappu Srinivasan  
University of Madras  
Life Sciences Building, Guindy Campus  
Chennai - 600 025  
[chiamsrini@yahoo.com]

Dear Mr. Srinivasan:

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Dantuluri Jyothi  
W/o P. Sukumar Rao  
Ground Floor, Lalitha Nagar  
D. No 49-12-21/1  
Visakhapatnam-16  
[gajapathi\_j@yahoo.com]

Dear Dantuluri Jyothi:

RE: EVOSTC Science Director Position

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