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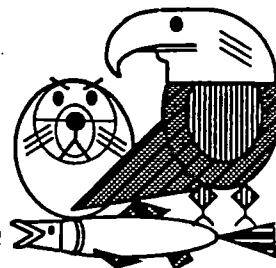
**June 1996**

# **Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council**

**Restoration Office**

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## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** David Duffy, APEX Project Leader

**From:** Stan Senner, Science Coordinator *Stan*

**Subject:** Stable Isotope Analyses for Marine Birds and their Prey

**Date:** June 28, 1996

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As you know, John Piatt has submitted a proposal to the Trustee Council for stable isotope work on marine birds (97305, Monitoring Response of Seabirds to Changing Prey Availability Using Stable Isotope Analyses). The Executive Director has deferred a decision on this proposal in part so his proposal can be considered in the context of overall APEX priorities following the 1996 field season. There also was a question about the connection of the work proposed in 97305 to the on-going efforts of Don Schell at the UAF Institute of Marine Science. In this regard, I want to make you and the APEX PIs aware of the following opportunity:

One of Dr. Schell's objectives in Project /170 (Isotope Ratio Studies of Marine Mammals in Prince William Sound), both in 1996 and in 1997, is to make available approximately 20% of his analytical and research effort to assist other EVOS PIs with their needs for isotope analyses. His DPD makes specific mention of seabirds and their prey, and he has some samples on the way from Mary Anne Bishop in Cordova. I just spoke with Dr. Schell by telephone, and he assured me that he has the resources to handle "a reasonable amount" of additional samples.

Perhaps you could explore this opportunity with Dr. Schell on behalf of any of the APEX PIs who have a possible need for stable isotope analyses? Dr. Schell's work is funded by the Trustee Council in FY 1996 and is recommended for funding in FY 1997. I hope that APEX PIs can take full advantage of this opportunity.

**cc:** Dr. Don Schell, IMS-UAF  
Dr. John Piatt, NBS  
Mr. Bruce Wright, NOAA  
Dr. Robert Spies, AMS

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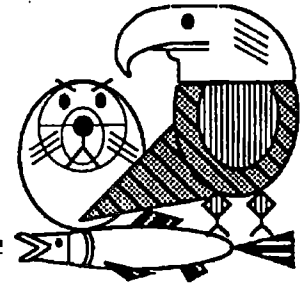
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## **For Immediate Release**

Date: June 28, 1996

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## **Trustees endorse cleanup plan in Prince William Sound**

More than 7 years after the *Exxon Valdez* spilled its cargo in Prince William Sound, restoration crews will be returning to selected beaches in a final effort to remove tar-like pockets of oil.

The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council approved a plan today to spend up to \$1.9 million to conduct a targeted cleanup near the Village of Chenega in western Prince William Sound. Detailed plans for the cleanup are due to be finalized by the end of this year with the actual work scheduled to begin next summer.

Residents of Chenega, which is centered in the hardest-hit area of the Sound, requested the cleanup, saying the presence of residual oil is a significant problem for the community. Residents told the Trustee Council that remaining oil affects the recovery of injured resources and confidence in subsistence use of the shorelines.

The residual oiling is not considered a high environmental risk to the resources, but the Council endorsed the plan in an effort to boost public confidence in the subsistence and recreational use of the tidelands.

"It's clear that the impact of this spill on local residents is still hard-felt," said Molly McCammon, executive director of the Trustee Council.

"We will never be able to remove 100 percent of the oil from these beaches," she said. "However, we can target some of the most significant areas in terms of public use and haul out the mousse and asphalt, even if we have to do it one bucket at a time."

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A 1993 shoreline survey of Prince William Sound identified 225 locations with residual surface oiling, asphalt or mousse. The Chenega-area cleanup will target surface oil found at eight sites on Latouche, Evans and Elrington Islands. Those shorelines are covered with heavy boulders which have served to hide the oil and protect it from the natural cleaning action of waves.

The Prince William Sound Economic Development Corporation will coordinate contracting for the cleanup, using local companies and local labor. The Corporation is the Alaska Regional Development Organization for the area.

In other action, the Council authorized the Alaska Department of Natural Resources to offer to purchase three small parcels on Kodiak Island and one parcel along the Kenai River near Soldotna. The Council will offer \$375,000 for 76.3 acres along the Kenai River, known as the Patson parcel. The Kodiak parcels include:

- 160 acres in Kiliuda Bay, valued at \$155,200
- 65 acres in Uyak Bay, valued at \$110,000
- 65 acres in Kiliuda Bay, valued at \$73,500

The Council, funded by the \$900 million civil settlement with Exxon, was created to help restore natural resources and human services injured by the oil spill through habitat protection and scientific studies.

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**Contact: Molly McCammon or Joe Hunt at 907/278-8012**

General information concerning the oil spill and restoration efforts can be obtained from the Oil Spill Public Information Center at 645 G St., Suite 100, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, ph: 278-8008 toll-free within Alaska at 1-800-478-7745.

**Parcel ID: KEN 29**  
**Tulin Parcel**

**Rank:** N/A      **Acreage:** 220      **Agency Sponsor:** ADNR

**Location:** T6S, R14W, Sections 8 & 9.  
Located between the Sterling Highway and Cook Inlet with approximately three-quarters of a mile of ocean frontage. There is road access to this parcel from the Sterling Highway.

**Landowner:** Charles E. And Helen L. Tulin

**Address:** 1422 K Street  
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Keri - Please mail to:

Jeff Richardson  
General Delivery  
Homer, Alaska

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This 220 acre parcel runs for approximately 1.4 miles from the Sterling Highway west to Cook Inlet where it fronts the shoreline for 3580 feet. Most of the rest of the parcel, which contains and runs parallel to Diamond Creek (non-anadromous), averages 1320 feet in width (~ 1/4 mile). The adjacent property to the south is a large tract of state-owned land that does not have road access to the Sterling Highway. The parcel is dominated by a mixed spruce and birch forest association. The only development on-site is an unpaved road that runs from the highway through the property, down the bluff, and on to the beach.

The primary restoration benefit derived from acquisition of this parcel is enhancement of recreation. The large, wooded parcel situated on the bluff overlooking the inlet would make an excellent public campground. The road would provide strategic public access to a large section of beach that is currently inaccessible. The site is large enough to accommodate a good-sized campground with spectacular views of the Inlet and Kachemak Bay; potable water would probably be available from on-site wells; and a small boat launching facility could probably be built on the beach.




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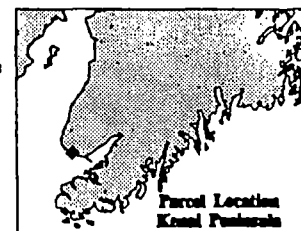
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-  Public Lands (Federal or State)
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-  Native Selected

SOURCES:  
Land status provided by the  
Department of Natural Resources,  
Division of Land and Land Records  
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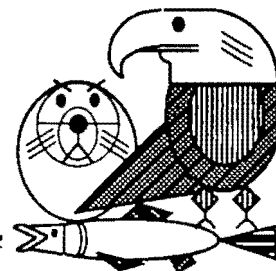


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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Gina Belt, Department of Justice  
Barry Roth, Department of the Interior  
Maria Lisowski, Department of Agriculture  
Alex Swiderski, Department of Law

**FROM:** Molly McCarron  
Executive Director

**DATE:** June 27, 1996

**RE:** Legal review of draft FY97 Work Plan

Enclosed is a copy of the Draft FY97 Work Plan, as well as a 2-pager that lists the new project proposals that are still under consideration. I have placed an asterisk next to those that are not typical research projects. It would be very helpful if you could focus your legal review on those projects, and provide your analysis to me by August 1 at the very latest. The Public Advisory Group meets August 6-7, and it would be helpful to have an idea of the legal permissibility of these projects by that time. If you need additional information on any of these projects, please let me know as soon as possible, and I'd be happy to provide it to you. Thanks for your help.

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# NEW PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR FUNDING/ FY 97 WORK PLAN

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Proj. No.	Project Title	FY97 Request	Preliminary Recommendation				Total FY97-02	Recommendation
			FY97	FY98	FY99	FY00-02		
Pink Salmon		\$623.0	\$138.3		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$138.3	
97093*	Diversion of Harvest Effort	\$484.7				\$0.0	\$0.0	Defer
97194	Spawning Habitat Recovery	\$138.3	\$138.3		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$138.3	Fund
Sockeye Salmon		\$266.1	\$122.2	\$7.1	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$129.3	
97239	Salmon Carcasses and Juvenile Chinook Salmon	\$136.8			\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	Defer
97254	Delight and Desire Lakes Restoration	\$129.3	\$122.2	\$7.1	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$129.3	Fund contingent
Cutthroat Trout and Dolly Varden		\$191.7	\$29.5		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$29.5	
97174	Restoration Project Support/Coordination	\$157.5	\$16.7				\$16.7	Fund contingent
97302	PWS Inventory	\$34.2	\$12.8		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$12.8	Fund contingent
Nearshore Ecosystem		\$96.6	\$50.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$50.0	
97090	Mussel Bed Restoration	\$17.6	\$10.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$10.0	Fund contingent
97223-BAA	Publication of Sea Otter Data	\$79.0	\$40.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$40.0	Fund contingent
Seabird/Forage Fish and Related Projects		\$376.6	\$64.9	\$30.0	\$20.0	\$0.0	\$114.9	
97167-BAA	Curation of Seabirds Salvaged from EVOS	\$41.0	\$32.1	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$32.1	Fund contingent
97231	Marbled Murrelet Productivity	\$217.7						Defer
97305	Stable Isotope Analysis of Seabirds	\$90.1				\$0.0	\$0.0	Defer
97306	Ecology and Demographics of Pacific Sand Lance	\$27.8	\$32.8	\$30.0	\$20.0	\$0.0	\$82.8	Fund contingent
Archaeological Resources		\$27.2	\$18.9	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$18.9	
97007B	Site Specific Archaeological Restoration	\$27.2	\$18.9	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$18.9	Fund contingent
Subsistence		\$388.2	\$140.0	\$100.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$240.0	
97247	Kametolook River Coho Salmon	\$46.2						Defer
97267*	Port Graham Skiff Dock	\$62.5		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	Defer

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			FY97	FY98	FY99	FY00-02		
97268	Port Graham Harvest Trips *	\$22.0				\$0.0	\$0.0	Defer
97276	Chignik Lagoon Access Road *	\$10.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	Don't fund unless legally permissible
97281	Forest Workshops *	\$115.8	\$50.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$50.0	Fund contingent
97286	Elders/Youth Conference *	\$131.7	\$15.0	\$100.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$115.0	Fund contingent
97352	TEK: Consolidated Approach		\$75.0				\$75.0	Fund
<b>Reduction of Marine Pollution</b>		\$2,422.9	\$1,435.4	\$75.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$1,510.4	
97115	Sound Waste Management Plan Implementation *	\$1,167.9	\$1,167.9	\$75.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$1,242.9	Fund contingent
97229	Cordova Solid Waste Disposal *	\$918.3		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	Defer
97304	Kodiak Waste Management Plan *	\$336.7	\$267.5	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$267.5	Fund contingent
<b>Habitat Improvement</b>		\$270.6	\$67.8		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$67.8	
97230	Valdez Duck Flats Restoration *	\$270.6	\$67.8		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$67.8	Fund contingent
<b>Ecosystem Synthesis</b>			\$55.0				\$55.0	
97300	Ecosystem Synthesis: Consolidated Approach		\$55.0				\$55.0	Fund
<b>Public Information and Education</b>		\$105.7	\$100.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$100.0	
97301	Television Pilot *	\$105.7	\$100.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$100.0	Fund
<b>Research Facilities</b>		\$1,282.7		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	
97151-BAA	PWSSC Facilities Improvement *	\$537.6				\$0.0	\$0.0	Defer
97197	Alaska SeaLife Center Fish Pass *	\$745.1		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	Defer
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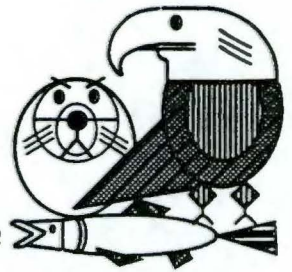


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## FAX COVER SHEET

To: Barry Roth  
Marta Lisowski  
Alex Swiderski Number: \_\_\_\_\_

From: Molly McCommon Date: June 27, 1996

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already been mailed.

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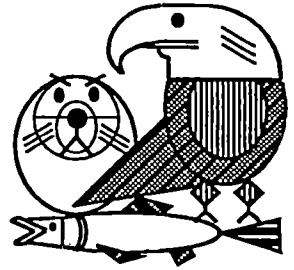
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June 26, 1996

Bobby Pearson  
LGL Alaska Research Associates  
4175 Tudor Centre Drive, Suite 101  
Anchorage, Alaska 99508

Dear Ms. Pearson:

The following report has been finalized:

FS03 Coded Wire Tag Studies on Prince William Sound Salmon

To obtain a copy, contact TimeFrame, Inc. (300 W. 36th Avenue, phone 562-3822) or Clay's Quality Printing (3630 Springer, phone 561-6270) and ask them to make you a copy of "the Exxon Valdez oil spill final report for Project FS3." They will charge you a modest fee for the copying.

The additional reports you requested, listed below, have either not been finally approved by the Chief Scientist or are not yet available in final form. I will let you know as soon as they become available.

FS01 Spawning Area Injury  
94191 Oil Related Egg and Alevin Mortalities (ADF&G report)  
94320D Pink Salmon Genetics

Give me a call if you have questions.

Sincerely,

*Sandra Schubert*

Sandra Schubert  
Project Coordinator

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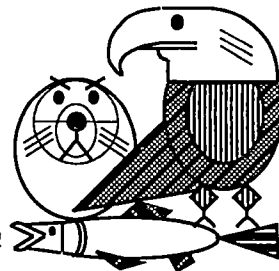
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June 25, 1996

Paul Roetman  
Executive Director  
Prince William Sound Economic Development Council  
128 Pioneer Drive  
Valdez, Alaska 99686-2353

RE: Project 97115 Implementation of the Sound Waste Management Plan:  
Environmental Operations and Used Oil Management System

Dear Mr. Roetman:

I am writing to inform you of my preliminary recommendation that the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council fund Project 97115 contingent on further budget review. I have enclosed a copy of my preliminary recommendation on this project, along with a summary of the Chief Scientist's recommendation on the project's technical merits.

The independent peer reviewer of this project recommended further budget review. A budget review recently conducted by my staff identified two areas of the budget that warrant further explanation or consideration. By **July 8, 1996**, please send me a letter explaining the following aspects of Project 97115:

1. **Project Management.** Please explain why a full-time project manager is needed to accomplish the objectives of the project.
2. **EVOS Station Cost Estimates.** Please reconfirm cost estimates for EVOS stations, especially those for used oil modules in Tatitlek and Chenega Bay, so that the Trustee Council can be assured that the funds requested will be sufficient to construct the proposed facilities. Based on a comparison of relative unit costs, it appears that unit costs in Tatitlek and Chenega Bay may be low. Although snow and wind loads in these two villages are relatively low, their remoteness typically increases construction costs. Any cost overruns or additional costs would have to be covered by the contingency fund or the communities themselves. It is unrealistic to expect any further funding from the Trustee Council beyond the \$1,167,900 requested for FY 97 and the modest support of the planning committee projected for FY 98 (\$75,000).

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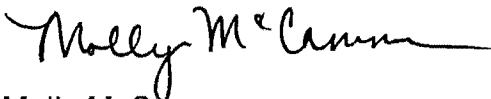
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My preliminary recommendations on all proposals for funding in FY 97 have been incorporated into the Draft Work Plan, which was distributed for public comment by June 24. The Restoration Office will accept public comments through August 9. Following a review of the public comments, as well as comments from the Trustee Council's Public Advisory Group and further consideration by the Chief Scientist, I will make a final recommendation to the Trustee Council. Trustee Council action on the Work Plan is tentatively scheduled for August 28.

Thank you for your continuing interest in the *Exxon Valdez* restoration program. If you have questions about this preliminary recommendation, please call me or Ernie Piper, the ADEC liaison to the Trustee Council.

Sincerely,



Molly McCammon  
Executive Director

Enclosure.

cc: Ernie Piper, ADEC Liaison  
Dr. Robert Spies, Chief Scientist

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# SPREADSHEET B: PRELIMINARY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION/FY 97 WORK PLAN

Proj.No.	ProjectTitle	Proposer	Lead Agency	New or Cont'd	FY97 Request	FY97 Recommended	FY98 Rec.	FY99 Rec.	Total FY97-02 Rec.
97115	Implementation of the Sound Waste Management Plan: Environmental Operations and Used Oil Management System	P. Roetman/Prince William Sound Economic Development Council	ADEC	New 3rd yr. 4 yr. project	\$1,167.9	\$1,167.9	\$75.0	\$0.0	\$1,242.9

## Abstract

This project will help prevent marine pollution that is generated from land-based sources within the five Prince William Sound communities. The Sound Waste Management Plan was developed to address community-based sources of marine pollution. This project will provide a portion of the funding needed to implement two of the five recommendations contained in the plan: 1) construction of Environmental Operation Stations to improve the overall management of solid and oily wastes; and 2) creation of a comprehensive used oil management system in each community. The communities will provide substantial funding to help implement the recommendations.

## Chief Scientist's Draft Recommendation

This is a logical and effective proposal to implement the planning work on management of chronic wastes that affect the marine ecosystem and injured species. The communities involved have done an outstanding job, and they propose to contribute significant in-kind resources to this project. Further justification of costs and more specifics that link personnel to identified objectives before funding should be approved. Fund after further review of budget.

## Executive Director's Draft Recommendation

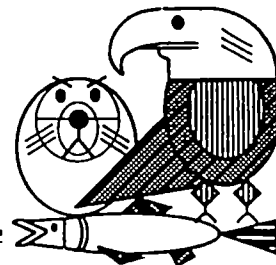
Fund contingent on further budget review. This project will decrease pollution entering Prince William Sound by providing a sheltered space and equipment necessary to safely collect and store used oil, household hazardous wastes and recyclable solid wastes in Valdez, Cordova, Tatitlek, Chenega and Whittier. Environmental Operations Stations ("EVOS" stations) will be modular structures erected in convenient locations in each community to encourage residents and visitors to properly dispose of wastes. By reducing chronic pollution, this project will reduce stress on recovering resources and services. *NOTE: This is a capital project that will be funded outside of the regular FY 97 work plan of research, monitoring, and general restoration projects.*

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June 25, 1996

Chuck Monnett  
Enhydra Research  
P.O. Box 3448  
Homer, Alaska 99603-3448

Dear Chuck:

I took another look at the 97223 budget after our telephone conversation on Monday, and I thought it would be worth following up with a suggestion.

The core budget item is \$30,000 for 6 months of time to produce 4 manuscripts, which works out to 1.5 months per manuscript at a rate of \$5,000 per month. The letter you received from the Executive Director dated June 14 indicated that you should allow an additional \$1,000 per manuscript for page costs. This actually should have been a total of \$1,000 in page costs for the four manuscripts, which is what the budget guidelines in the *FY 1997 Invitation* indicate (p. B4). My experience is primarily with ornithological journals, but the journals that I have worked with are eager to recover their page charges but do not insist on those charges if the author lacks full institutional support. Thus, if you reduce the budget for page charges from \$4,000 to 1,000, the balance of that money could go for a statistician. The budget would be something like:

6 mo of PI	\$30.0
statistician	3.0
page costs	1.0
travel (2 trips to Anch)	1.0
supplies	0.5
<u>10% indirect to Enhydra</u>	<u>3.6</u>
	39.1
<u>NOAA GA</u>	<u>2.7</u>
Total	41.8

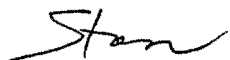
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This is a bit over the amount of \$40.0, which is the Executive Director's draft recommendation, but it should not be a problem. How does this look to you? We look forward to having your revised DPD and budget as per the letter from the Executive Director.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stan", written in dark ink.

Stanley E. Senner  
Science Coordinator

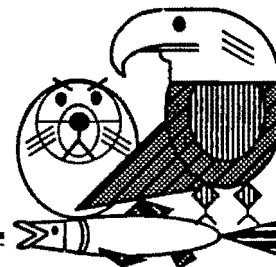
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### **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Dan Esler, NBS  
Dan Rosenberg and Tom Rothe, ADFG

**From:** Stan Senner, Science Coordinator *Stan*

**Subject:** Oldsquaw, Scoters, and EVOS

**Date:** June 25, 1996

The Restoration Office recently received a telephone call from Mr. Rollie Osternick in regard to his concern that since the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill he no longer sees oldsquaw and scoters in spring and summer at Ermine Lake at Mile 156 on the Parks Highway. As you know, we have no information on EVOS impacts to nesting populations in interior Alaska. However, if you have any insights to pass on to Mr. Osternick, or any suggestions for action by the Trustee Council, please let me know. I have enclosed a copy of my reply to Mr. Osternick.

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cc: Molly McCammon  
EVOS Trustee Council

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#### **Trustee Agencies**

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



# PHONE COMMENT LOG

Name	Affiliation	Phone	Address
Rollie Ostermick		907-733-2467	Box 827 Talkeetna, AK 99676

Add to mailing list? Yes ☒ No ☐ Annual rpt ☒ Newsletters only ☒ Technical Docs + ☐

Date of call: 5/22/96 Comment taker: Keri Hike

Subject of comments: Survey re: Status of peoples' wildlife  
pre EVOS experience in PWS compared to post-EVOS.

## Comments:

Obs home on mi/50 Parks Ermine Lk —  
pre-EVOS ea Spring 1st ducks were Oldsquaws.  
Ea summer several flocks surf skoters —  
since EVOS — they've seen neither species  
in Sp/Summer N of Talkeetna 40 mi  
north — . Both species gone.

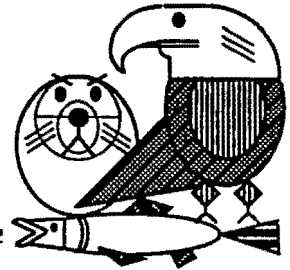
At least 200 mi away from spill  
however, he attributes birds' absences  
directly to spill.

# **Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council**

## **Restoration Office**

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June 25, 1996

Mr. Rollie Osternick  
P.O. Box 827  
Talkeetna, Alaska 99676

Dear Mr. Osternick:

Thank you for your telephone call in regard to the status of oldsquaw and scoters at Ermine Lake on the Parks Highway since the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill. Unfortunately, we have no definitive information on either initial or on-going effects of the oil spill on these waterfowl species.

One hundred and eighty-five oldsquaw carcasses and 811 scoters of all three species were picked up following the oil spill. Comparisons of pre- and post-spill boat surveys in Prince William Sound (March, July, and August 1972-73 vs. 1989-91) showed significantly fewer post-spill scoters in the sound, although these differences did not hold when comparing oiled and unoled parts of the sound. In the Natural Resources Damage Assessment following the oil spill, there also was some work on hydrocarbon uptake by six species of sea ducks in Prince William Sound, including the three scoters, but not oldsquaw. Based on an analysis of hydrocarbons in the livers and bile of 50 sea ducks, there was no evidence of sublethal contamination by *Exxon Valdez* oil in 1989-1990. This lack of measurable hydrocarbons does not mean that there was no exposure, but, given the limitations of the study, it was not documented. As you can see, the evidence in regard to injury to oldsquaw and scoters is largely limited to the initial morgue counts, and we have no information at all concerning the linkage between oiled waterfowl in the oil-spill area and interior nesting areas, such as along the Parks Highway or at Denali National Park.

The harlequin duck has been the primary focus of a series of post-spill studies supported by the Trustee Council. These projects will continue at least through the 1997 field season. We continue to have significant concerns about the harlequin, including the possibilities of depressed reproductive activity and increased mortality of adult females in oiled western Prince William Sound. As with the oldsquaw and scoters, we do not know the connection between harlequins oiled in the marine environment and interior nesting areas. The work underway includes radio tagging a sample of harlequins and an analysis of genetic variability. This work may yield more information on the geography of injury to harlequin ducks.

For what it is worth, I just returned from a week in the Wonder Lake/Camp Denali area within Denali National Park, and saw only a single oldsquaw during that time. The last time I spent a week in the same area at the same time was 1986, and, according to my field notes, I saw 5-10 oldsquaw. I had all three scoters this time, including 4-5 surf scoters. Have you any notes on numbers from Ermine Lake?

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### Trustee Agencies

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

Thanks again for your comments. I have forwarded your comments to waterfowl biologists at both the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and at the National Biological Service. If they have any comments or suggestions, I will relay them to you.

Sincerely,



Stanley E. Senner  
Science Coordinator

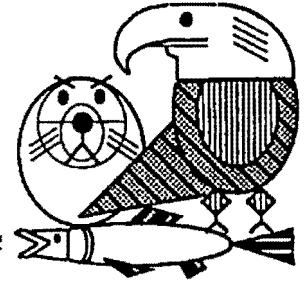
cc: Dan Esler, National Biological Service  
Tom Rothe/Dan Rosenberg, Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game

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## **For Immediate Release**

June 24, 1996

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### **Trustees offer to purchase valuable** **Prince William Sound habitat**

The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council agreed recently to spend \$34 million in a major purchase of land in Prince William Sound, the region most heavily impacted by the 1989 oil spill.

The Trustee Council made a formal offer to Chenega Corporation recently to purchase conservation easements and fee-simple land totalling 61,000 acres, including more than 100 miles of shoreline, much of it once covered by oil from the *Exxon Valdez*. The Chenega Corporation board of directors unanimously endorsed the deal, but it must also be approved by two-thirds of the village corporation's shareholders.

"Western Prince William Sound was hardest hit by the oil and continues to suffer lingering effects from the original injuries," said Molly McCammon, the trustee council's executive director. "This is valuable habitat for many of the species injured by the spill and it will go a long way toward long-term recovery in this area."

Two parcels included in the purchase, Eshamy Bay and Jackpot Bay, are among the highest ranked parcels in the oil spill area for restoration of injured resources. Those two areas have the largest populations of wild pink salmon in Prince William Sound and together contain 22 anadromous streams. Eshamy Bay is also the highest sockeye producing system in western Prince William Sound.

Twelve species injured by the spill are found in the area, including five species that have yet to recover from spill damage: harbor seals, harlequin ducks, marbled murrelets, pigeon guillemots and sea otters. The lands include most of Chenega Island, Fleming Island, the northern half of Evans Island and the southern tip of Knight Island.

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The land deal would include the outright purchase of nearly 38,000 acres, approximately half of which would be managed as part of the Chugach National Forest. The other half would be managed by the State of Alaska as a marine park. Conservation easements would protect another 23,000 acres.

The Native village corporation would keep the original village site of Chenega, which was destroyed in the 1964 earthquake. It would also keep several small development sites ranging in size from 30 acres to 1.5 acres, with any future development consistent with restoration objectives.

If approved, the purchase will be the seventh in a series of large land deals stemming from the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill. The Trustee Council has already purchased title, conservation easements or timber rights to 361,790 acres in the Kodiak, Cook Inlet and Prince William Sound regions.

The Council, funded by the \$900 million civil settlement with Exxon, was created to help restore natural resources injured by the oil spill through habitat acquisition and scientific studies.

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**Contact: Molly McCammon or Joe Hunt at 907/278-8012**

General information concerning the oil spill and restoration efforts can be obtained from the Oil Spill Public Information Center at 645 G St., Suite 100, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, ph: 278-8008 toll-free within Alaska at 1-800-478-7745.

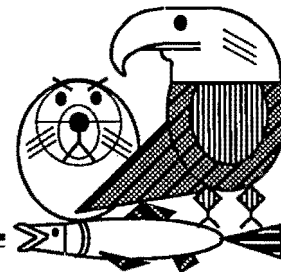
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June 24, 1996

Dr. Daniel Pauly, Professor  
Fisheries Centre  
University of British Columbia  
2204 Main Mall  
Vancouver, BC V6G 1K5  
CANADA

RE: Project 97054-BAA/Mass-balance Model of Trophic Fluxes in Prince  
William Sound

Dear Dr. Pauly:

I am writing to inform you of my preliminary recommendation that the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council not fund Project 97054-BAA as a separate project at this time. I have enclosed a copy of my preliminary recommendation on this project, along with a summary of the Chief Scientist's recommendation on the project's technical merits.

As you can see, your proposal was recommended favorably by the Chief Scientist. However, I believe that for a large-scale modeling effort to be successful, it will need to be developed slowly and with the full cooperation of the many capable EVOS investigators, some of whom have been with the program since its inception. To that end, I have asked the Chief Scientist to manage and coordinate a modest start on a modeling project in FY 97, and I believe that Dr. Spies has been in touch with you about a role in this preliminary effort.

My preliminary recommendations on all proposals for funding in FY 97 have been incorporated into the Draft Work Plan, which is now being distributed for public comment. The Restoration Office will accept public comments through August 9. Following a review of the public comments, as well as comments from the Trustee Council's Public Advisory Group and further consideration by the Chief Scientist, I will make a final recommendation to the Trustee Council. Trustee Council action on the Work Plan is tentatively scheduled for August 28.

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

Thank you for your interest in the *Exxon Valdez* restoration program. I appreciate your proposal and encourage you to continue your involvement in the restoration process. If you have questions about this preliminary recommendation, please call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Molly McCammon".

Molly McCammon  
Executive Director

Enclosure

cc: Dr. Byron Morris, NOAA Liaison  
Dr. Robert Spies, Chief Scientist

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# PRELIMINARY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION/FY 97 WORK PLAN

Proj.No.	ProjectTitle	Proposer	Lead Agency	New or Cont'd	FY97 Request	FY97 Recommended	FY98 Rec.	FY99 Rec.	Total FY97-02 Rec.
97054-BAA	A Mass-balance Model of Trophic Fluxes in Prince William Sound	D. Pauly/University of British Columbia	NOAA	New 1st yr. 2 yr. project	\$148.0	\$0.0			\$0.0
<div> <div> <p><u>Abstract</u></p> <p>This project would construct, validate, and disseminate a model of trophic interactions among the organisms of Prince William Sound, as required to synthesize the vast amount of information gathered before and after the 1989 <i>Exxon Valdez</i> spill, and to evaluate its impact at the ecosystem level. Project components are: 1) an initial workshop devoted to model specification by PWS researchers, 2) an extended study by project staff, and 3) a dissemination phase consisting of a training workshop for potential users of the software implementing the model, and the production of a CD-ROM for the public domain, incorporating an interactive graphic version of the software and an extensive database on the biology and local/traditional knowledge of the fishes of PWS.</p> </div> <div> <p><u>Chief Scientist's Draft Recommendation</u></p> <p>This is a two-year project which would integrate ecosystem-level data being generated from EVOS projects and present it in an understandable format. The is an excellent proposal and the investigators are among the best in the world at modeling fisheries ecosystems based on energetics. This proposal deserves further consideration as the Trustee Council develop an overall approach to modeling and synthesis needs. I recommend that it receive partial funding to enable continued participation in and development of a modeling program.</p> </div> <div> <p><u>Executive Director's Draft Recommendation</u></p> <p>Do not fund as a separate project. Efforts to develop ecological models that integrate the enormous amount of information gathered in EVOS studies will be initiated under Project 97300.</p> </div> </div>									

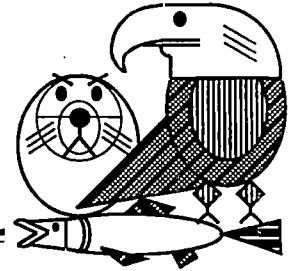


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June 24, 1996

Dr. Stuart L. Pimm  
University of Tennessee  
569 Dabney Hall  
Knoxville, TN 37996-1610

RE: Project 97215-BAA Modeling Trophic Webs to Achieve Synthesis in SEA,  
NVP, and APEX Ecosystems

Dear Dr. Pimm:

I am writing to inform you of my preliminary recommendation that the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council not fund Project 97215-BAA as a separate project at this time. I have enclosed a copy of my preliminary recommendation on this project, along with a summary of the Chief Scientist's recommendation on the project's technical merits.

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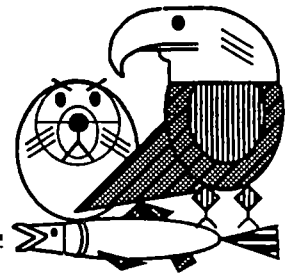
Proj.No.	ProjectTitle	Proposer	Lead Agency	New or Cont'd	FY97 Request	FY97 Recommended	FY98 Rec.	FY99 Rec.	Total FY97-02 Rec.
97215-BAA	Modeling Trophic Webs to Achieve Synthesis in SEA, NVP, and APEX Ecosystems	S. Pimm/University of Tennessee	NOAA	New 1st yr. 2 yr. project	\$75.6	\$0.0			\$0.0
<div> <div> <p><u>Abstract</u></p> <p>This project would formulate simple, large-scale trophic models of, and uniting, the communities of the APEX, SEA, and NVP projects. Using the data they gather and data from the literature, the project seeks a broad synthesis of the larger Prince William Sound and Gulf of Alaska ecosystems and the complex changes within them. It asks how do the changes in species' densities interact to produce the short- to long-term changes in species' densities that we observe? To what extent do different components resist changes elsewhere in the food web? How far and how quickly can we expect the effect of a change in one species' density to stretch through the food web?</p> </div> <div> <p><u>Chief Scientist's Draft Recommendation</u></p> <p>This project would integrate information from most EVOS projects and provide a means of understanding how well we can predict cause-and-effect ecosystem interactions. This ability is at the heart of management needs at an ecosystem scale. This project deserves further consideration in relation to certain other of the ecosystem modeling proposals, in particular, 97054. Ideally, it should be possible to initiate modeling work in FY 97 on a modest basis, involving several key participants, including Dr. Pimm. Fund, but at a reduced level.</p> </div> <div> <p><u>Executive Director's Draft Recommendation</u></p> <p>Do not fund as a separate project. Efforts to develop ecological models that integrate the enormous amount of information gathered in EVOS studies will be initiated under Project 97300.</p> </div> </div>									

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## **PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT**

**96-13**

**Date:** June 24, 1996  
**Subject:** June 28, 1996 *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council meeting in Juneau  
**Contact:** Rebecca Williams

### **EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL MEETING**

The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council will meet on Friday, June 28, beginning at 8:30 AM at 709 West 9th Street, Conference Room 541A, Juneau. The meeting will also be available via teleconference in the fourth floor conference room, at 645 G Street, Anchorage. The public is invited to attend.

- The agenda includes a report from the Executive Director on current activities, and tentative action on Prince William Sound Residual Oiling Clean up and small parcel reports.
- Access by teleconference will be available upon request at the Legislative Information Offices or Volunteer Teleconference Centers in Chenega Bay, Cordova, Homer, Kodiak, Seward, Soldotna, Tatitlek, Valdez, and Whittier. Contact your Legislative Information Office to arrange to participate in this meeting.
- Persons who may need a special modification in order to participate in this meeting should contact Rebecca Williams or Cherri Womac at 278-8012 to make any necessary arrangements. To obtain a copy of the agenda or additional information, please contact the Oil Spill Public Information Center, 645 G St., Anchorage, AK 99501, or call 278-8008 (toll free within Alaska at 1-800-478-7745).

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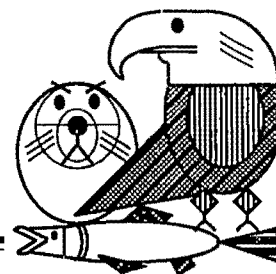
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June 24, 1996


Gary C. Patton  
Administrative Agent  
Government Katalla - Chilkat Tlingit  
POB 142135  
Anchorage, Alaska 99514-2135

  
Dear Mr. Patton:

Thank you for your letter of June 11, 1996. I have forwarded it to representatives of the Alaska Department of Law and the United States Department of Justice for their review and response.

Thank you for your continued interest in our program.

Sincerely,

  
Molly McCammon  
Executive Director

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Trustee Agencies

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

## **Government Katalla-Chilkat Tlingit**

P.O. Box 142135  
Anchorage, Alaska 99514-2135

11 June 1996

Tribal Elders:

January 1996 we sent to you and various governmental agencies a letter, a copy of the Govt. Katalla-Chilkat Tlingit Coastal Management Plan and a copy of the Northern Gulf Coast of Alaska Cooperative Agreement. We have heard from some of tribes but not everyone responded to this major issue that concerns empowering the indigenous holders of allodial title (free from church and state) to their right of self-determination and self-governance. We have not had one response back from the governmental agencies.

It is about time consensus by the indigenous people of Alaska to become the rule not the exception. We have not been getting consensus through any in-place structure that supposedly represents us here in Alaska to date. We find that any structure that is pushing for "our rights" are "state chartered corporations" (AI-TC included) and they are forced to comply with state of Alaska laws, regulations and statues that only interfere with our jurisdictional rights. Any act, law, regulation, statue or treaty by any agency involved and without our consent is nothing more than conspiracy to create Genocide by way of deception and "CONSTRUCTIVE FRAUD" and can only be abrogated through a TRIBUNAL set up by our indigenous people.

The following is a short list of acts transferring our rights by way of deception and Constructive Fraud without tribal consent. They are nothing more then an attempt to quiet the quit claim deeds of those governmental, corporate and private entities that severed land and resource titles from the indigenous sovereign tribal account:

1. Mental Health Trust Lands-1956;
2. University of Alaska Trust Lands-1956;
3. Railroad Transfer Act-1982;
4. Manipulation of the probate of territory, state and federal archival commission records of the Indian Allotments through BIA, BLM and other agencies;
5. Statehood act P.L. 85-508;
6. ANCSA P.L. 92-203;
7. ANILCA P.L. 96-487.

ANILCA was an attempt to edify the sovereign authority of the village traditional tribal councils so that it could not be said that the indigenous allodial title holders were not properly appraised of the rights they were giving up when the 1976 Federal Land Policy Management Act (FLPMA) was implemented on October 21, 1986 after a ten year moratorium over the jurisdictional issue. Sept. 22, 1986 (one month before the deadline) Atmaultluak officially filed a resolution that should have stopped the implementation of FLPMA in Alaska which should have assured all tribes in Alaska FLPMA would not affect tribal jurisdiction.

The tribes should be apprised of all the facts (not partial truths) before any decisions are made that will affect them for life. It astounds us to have authorities telling the tribes that they do not have Indian Country or Tribal Status like "the Indians of the south forty eight on reservations". That is the truth, but, they should continue and say that we possess many more rights because we are not under the "treaties" or on reservations! By way of deception and constructive fraud (how you get around the law to commit fraud) the genocide is slowly preceding. The oversight by congress of all laws, acts, treaties, etc. will have to come into compliance with the Genocide Act and Genocide Treaty. This must become our final stand based on our human right!

What we are asking the Tribal Elders and Traditional Tribal Councils of the Gulf Coast of Alaska to consider, then give consensus to the revised "Gulf Coast of Alaska Cooperative Association." This is a way to address our problems through solidarity. This procedure will secure our rights to Historic Title of our resources, lands, waters, fishing rights, hunting rights, and the subsistence issue.

We would like to make sure the Human Rights of all tribes are protected. In no way do we want any tribe to think the Govt. of the Katalla-Chilkat Tlingit is trying to take control with the Cooperative Agreement. We are only sharing with you our several years of administrative research. We are working at local, national and international levels. We think this is a positive approach toward setting "Policy" through this "North Gulf Coast of Alaska Cooperative Agreement" to reassert our right to self and local determination. We hope this will become a model for all the indigenous tribes of Alaska.

We are three and a half years away from the twenty-first century. It is time to remove the shackles of slavery and go into full self-governance through our right of self and local determination.

We must fully understand:

1. The state of Alaska does not have jurisdiction over us;
2. ANCSA is not a jurisdictional issue;
3. The United States V. State of Alaska (422 U.S. 184, 45) is a Supreme Court decision that clearly shows that the state of Alaska does not possess Historic Title.
4. Indigenous holders of allodial title of Alaska, Hawaii and Canada possess International Nation State status that is under and recognized by International Law. We possess Historical Title, not the state of Alaska or the united States of America.
5. Alaska was on the list of non-self governing territories (article 73e) United Nations Charter. The indigenous people of Alaska were to be appraised of our rights and were not. We need to revisit this issue.

There are many issues of self and local determination that can be done through us by including "International Treaties" with the First Nation peoples of Canada by implementation of the "Gulf Coast of Alaska Cooperative Agreement". We are suggesting this way of doing things to avoid any International confrontations with the state of Alaska or the united States.

Questionable ethics and economics that need resolve:

1. The recent Alaska Inter Tribal Council (AI-TC) meeting here in Anchorage had Gov. Knowles asking the Tribes to endorse the state of Alaska to take over the subsistence issue and the Interior Dept. also asking to control the subsistence issue. We need neither of them controlling this issue. We as the First Nation People of Alaska should decide that issue based on the Genocide Treaty.
2. The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill was handled through the Clean Water Act by the state of Alaska without the Interior Dept. having invoked the SARA Amendments of that act which is the direct trust responsibility of the Interior Dept. The SARA Amendments are the International Agreement part of the Clean Water Act signed by the united States that is specific to the tribes' internationally recognized historical rights to waters, lands and resources. Our tribes would have made up the Exxon Trustee Council had this been done. This is a "trust" violation. We can address this major issue through the tribes via the Cooperative Agreement, the Interior Dept. and State Dept. The Exxon Trustee Council is now attempting to do a fraudulent buy-back of Indigenous Allodial Title that is in the hands of corporations owned by Chenega and English Bay that only further involves all concerned with "Constructive Fraud". What is this? Chugachmuit, Aleut, Athabascan, Eyak and Tlingit people's waters, lands and resources are what was damaged. Questionable violations of the SARA amendments of the Clean Water Act are apparent

when reduction of indigenous title through a government buy-back with our own money is allowed to occur, especially without replacement of those damaged lands.

3. The Pacific Salmon Treaty has collapsed. It does not appear that treaty is going to go anywhere. A few weeks ago we attended the five day talks that were held at the University of Alaska. The Pacific Salmon Treaty Council is made up of four board members. The state of Alaska has one seat, Canada one seat, Northwest Indian Tribes one seat and the United States one seat. We have no representation there. Tlingit Haida is who the state of Alaska claims to be working with. Tlingit Haida is not a tribe even though they were given Federal Recognition as a tribe. That is very dangerous. They will sell our rights out in a second. We told the Pacific Salmon Treaty Council that Tlingit Haida does not represent us in anyway or form.
4. The united States assumed a "scared trust responsibility" to us through Article 73e of the United Nations Charter. Questionable ethical violations of that Trust occurred.
5. The Genocide Act and Genocide Treaty PL 100-606, was Signed into law Nov. 1988. Any oversight by congress of any act, now in place, must now conform to the parameters of this treaty.

#### ISSUE ONE:

All the "red flags" are up. It is time to assert our right to self and local determination in our own behalf. The Pacific Salmon Treaty Council is mismanaging the resources of the sea. The red salmon are getting smaller, the Frazier River Run which is the Bristol Bay of Canada, for the second year in a row is not open to commercial fishing. (A) Herring runs are being depleted. (B) By-catch by Trawlers is out of hand (C) The fishery cannot be managed because the fleet is of such technology and size today and has moved to the outside waters. (D) This leaves Canada, the state of Alaska and the united States without the resources to capitalize efficient management capacity. Not too many years ago the fishery was inside where it was manageable. The fish had a chance to get to their designated spawning streams in those days. Today a whole run of fish can be stopped by the outside fishing fleet in twenty minutes that was designated for a specific spawning stream. That is an ever present danger that is quiet apparent even in Prince William Sound streams that once were producers.

#### ISSUE TWO:

The Pacific Salmon Treaty is allowing over-harvest of herring and by-catch by trawlers that is depleting the food supply for our fishery that is necessary to nurture healthy runs of salmon as well as all sea life.

#### ISSUE THREE:

We have had an Oil Spill in the sound and we are compounding the damage by making our tribal waters dirty by clear cut timber policies of foreign corporate interest as well as our own domestic corporate interest. We have the only rain forest in this part of the continent which foreign and domestic corporations are committing ecocide to. Ecocide and Genocide can be considered one and the same. We must stop this practice. Healthy rain forests are necessary for clean water which is necessary for healthy food supply for fish and all living things, us included. How many more years will it take before our region is like that of Washington and Oregon state?

#### ISSUE FOUR:

We researched what the North Slope people did to secure their water, air, and lands rights through: a) International Whaling Treaty, b) International Migratory Bird Treaty and most recently c) International Polar Bear Treaty. We came to the conclusion we can do the same. The North Slope people have secured a position with the United Nations as a result of what



they have done that assures protection of their rights, however they do not represent the rest of us. They collect over \$460 million a year in oil revenue with no 7(i) sharing. The Gulf Coast of Alaska Cooperative Agreement in motion can do the same thing. This can not be accomplished through any state chartered corporate structure, it has to be done through the right to self and local determination at the traditional tribal council level, with solidarity of the tribal people. Lets do it!

#### ISSUE FIVE:

We have just revised Agreement. It is now called the "Gulf Coast of Alaska Cooperative Agreement". Take it to your elders and traditional councils, look it over, if there are changes you want, then lets work it out. We then need to get a consensus to endorse the "North Gulf Coast of Alaska Agreement". Let us enter into the twenty-first century through "International Treaty Agreements" recognized at the International Level.

#### ISSUE SIX:

In order to accomplish this task and reclaim our Historic Title, we must: (A) continue genealogy research which can be based on the 1900 census which can be the basis to bring the genealogy up to date. (B) research and log all of our original PLACE names to our Indigenous Historical Waters, Bays and Lands. This will secure our "Historic Title". The Govt. Katalla-Chilkat Tlingit has most of the census already and can get you copy of 1900 census if you do not posses them.

#### RESOLVE:

We can counter the constructive fraud that is interfering with our right to self and local determination through "International Treaty". This will help both Canada and us in our efforts to secure historic title issues at the International level. Let us enter into the twenty-first century in a secure position.

The "Gulf Coast of Alaska Cooperative Association Agreement" can be the answer to resolve our problems such as hunting, fishing, subsistence and economic development that supports the tribe through self and local determination. Interference into our human right to self and local determination by apartheid governmental regimes, foreign and domestic cooperate interest by constructive fraud must cease and desist. This can be accomplished non-confrontational through:

1. re-establishment our own exclusive economic zone;
2. re-establishment of our own coastal management plan;
3. work out "International Treaties" with the First Nation People of Canada and others to protect our "Historic Title and Human Rights";

We would be more than happy to come before your tribal council to discuss this further.

Respectfully,

Gary C. Patton  
Administrative Agent

cc:

1. Office of the President
2. Office of President of Inter -Governmental Affairs
3. State Dept.
4. United Nations
5. Organization of American States (OAS)
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**MISSOURI v. American Smelting and Refining Company, Inc., No. CV 793-36-CC (Cir. Ct. Reynolds County Feb. 8, 1996)**

The American Smelting and Refining Co., Inc., (ASARCO) has agreed to pay a \$1.7 million penalty to settle environmental claims filed by the state alleging that it discharged lead into a tributary of the Black River in Reynolds County, Missouri. This payment will be the largest single environmental penalty in Missouri history.

In addition to paying the penalty, ASARCO will build a new wastewater treatment facility for its West Ford Mine.

[For further information, contact Missouri AAG Joe Bindbeutel at (314) 751-8805.]

**People [California] v. Southern Pacific Railroad et al., No. Civ. S-92-117-LKK-GGH; United States v. Southern Pacific Railroad et al., No. Civ S-92-2090-WPS-GGH (E.D. Cal. Mar. 15, 1995)**

A stipulation settlement has been lodged that would bring to a close the remaining legal matters related to the July 1991 pesticide spill into the Sacramento River following a train derailment. In that accident, a tank car loaded with metam sodium was punctured, spilling its contents and killing the fish along a forty mile stretch of the river. In March 1995, the court approved a settlement in the case that would give the state and federal government a total of \$40 million.

Certain fishing and environmental groups intervened in the lawsuit, seeking formation of a non-governmental trust with responsibility for deciding how restoration funds should be spent. The intervenors also wanted the court to require Southern Pacific to make changes in its railroad practices. The district court dismissed the intervenors from the case and they appealed. The governments have now settled with the intervenors by providing that they will have a non-voting member on the Trustee Council — the council of state and federal natural resources trustees overseeing the restoration.

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the intervenors will also receive \$265,00 to fund the monitoring of railroad practices.

[For further information, contact California DAG Edna Walz at (916) 324-5366.]

### Wetlands

**Michigan v. Edmund Bargert and Sharon Bargert, No. 94-766-87-CE (Cir. Ct. Ingham County Feb. 6, 1996)**

An agreement was recently reached resolving violations of Michigan's Wetlands Protection Act and Inland Lakes and Streams Act by the unlawful filling of wetlands on Bass Lake in Michigan. The lawsuit alleged that the owners of property on the lake, Edmund and Sharon Bargert, illegally filled the wetlands and constructed a seawall. Under the agreement, the Bargerts will remove the seawall and fill materials, restore the wetlands by planting new vegetation, and pay \$10,000 to reimburse the Department of Environmental Quality for costs and expenses.

[For further information, contact Michigan AAG Peter Manning at (517) 373-7540.]

**United States v. Bridgeview Joint Venture, No. Civ. 94-C-3184 (N.D. Ill. Feb. 26, 1996)**

A land developer, Melvin Simon & Associates, has agreed to pay a civil penalty and donate land to replace wetlands allegedly destroyed during construction of a suburban Chicago shopping center. Under the agreement, which resolves a 1994 enforcement action, the company will pay a \$170,000 civil penalty and deed an eleven-acre plot next to the shopping center, valued at up to \$850,000, to the local park district in Bridgeview, Illinois. The company has also agreed to create and enhance wetlands on a nearby twenty-two acre site to replace the wetlands destroyed by the building of the mall.

[For further information, contact Mike Rowe, DOJ at (202) 514-3144.]

# Fax Cover Sheet

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write response back-  
thank you - I have referred  
to Dept of Env + Dept of Justice  
for their review response.*

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**Recipient** Molly McMammon

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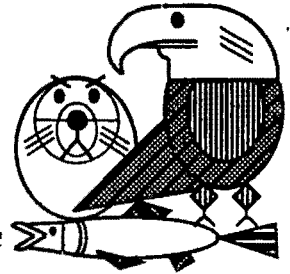
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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Martha Dawson  
Preston, Gates & Ellis  
via facsimile at 206/623-7022

**FROM:** L.J. Evans *[Signature]*  
Information Specialist

**CC:** Carrie Holba  
Joe Hunt

**DATE:** June 21, 1996

**SUBJ:** **File Inventory**

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Thanks so much for your help tracking these down. Feel free to contact me any time I can be of any assistance.

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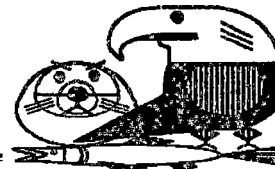
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4745	48-109067	Statements / Testimony / Hearing Transcripts Regarding Oil Spill <i>very important &amp; rare!</i> ADEC Early Daily Reports - March 28, 1989 - June 13, 1989 Copies of Newspaper Clippings from Anchorage Daily News & Anchorage Times AP/AK News Summaries from the Governors' Office * ADEC Daily Reports as of 8:00 a.m. --- May 1, 1989 - May 31, 1989 - EVOS Day 39 - Day 69 State of Alaska Emergency Operations Center - Valdez ADES situation Report as of 6:00 p.m. --- April 22, 1989 - May 31, 1989 * ADEC Daily Reports - April 13, 1989 - April 30, 1989

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		* State of Alaska Oil Spill Response Center Weekly Reports --- September 25, 1989 - February 10, 1990
		Issues Reports: July 1991 - August, 1992
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MEMORANDUM

To: L.J. Evans

From: Martha J. Dawson *mjd*

Date: May 20, 1996

Subject: File Inventory of Documents Collected in EVOS Litigation

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Attached is a copy of the index that we have for the documents that we selected from your office. The documents have all been shipped to Alaska State Archives in Juneau. However, if you want some of them back, that is probably possible. Let me know if any of the documents you are looking for are included on this list.

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OR - Cordova Fact Sheet - Volumes 2 & 3 - July 7, 1989 - October 5, 1990

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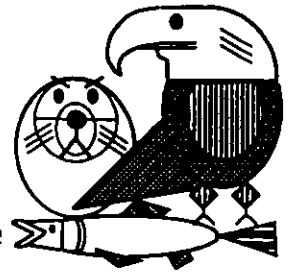
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## **For Immediate Release**

**Date: June 21, 1996**

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## **Hunt joins Council as communications coordinator**

Joe Hunt, a former reporter with the *Anchorage Times* and the *Peninsula Clarion*, has joined the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council as communications coordinator.

While writing for the *Anchorage Times*, Hunt spent three years reporting on Alaska's natural resources and environmental issues. He served as lead reporter for the Exxon Valdez oil spill before moving to Kenai to open the *Times'* Kenai Peninsula Bureau. Most recently, Hunt served as public information officer and constituent relations assistant for Governor Tony Knowles.

As communications coordinator, Hunt will oversee development of publications and work with media representatives worldwide to provide information on restoration efforts.

Hunt replaces L.J. Evans, who resigned recently to move to Fairbanks, in this position.

**Contact: Molly McCammon or Joe Hunt at 907/278-8012**

General information concerning the oil spill and restoration efforts can be obtained from the Oil Spill Public Information Center at 645 G St., Suite 100, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, ph: 278-8008 toll-free within Alaska at 1-800-478-7745.

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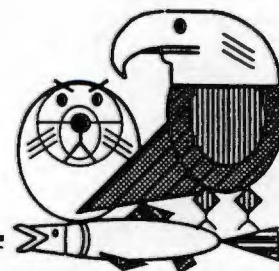
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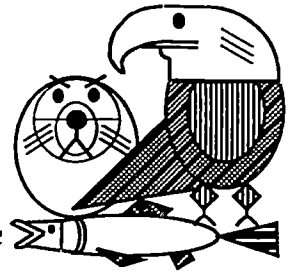


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June 21, 1996

Dr. Michael Castellini  
Institute of Marine Science  
POB 757220, 330 Irving II  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99775-7220

RE: Project 97001/Recovery of Harbor Seals from EVOS: Condition and Health  
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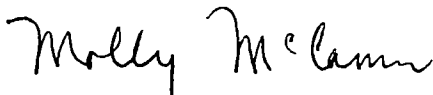
  
Dear Dr. Castellini:

I am writing to inform you of my preliminary recommendation that the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council defer a decision on funding Project 97001 until the Chief Scientist completes his review of the proposal. I expect the Chief Scientist's review will be completed in July. I have enclosed a copy of the entry for this project in the *FY 97 Draft Work Plan*. Please note that if the project is recommended, funding would be contingent on receipt of the report for Project 95117 that is due July 1, 1996.

My preliminary recommendations on all proposals for funding in FY 97 have been incorporated into the Draft Work Plan, which will be distributed for public comment June 24. The Restoration Office will accept public comments through August 9. Following a review of the public comments, as well as comments from the Trustee Council's Public Advisory Group and further consideration by the Chief Scientist, I will make a final recommendation to the Trustee Council. Trustee Council action on the FY 97 Work Plan is tentatively scheduled for August 28.

Thank you for your continuing interest in the *Exxon Valdez* restoration program. If you have any questions about this preliminary recommendation or the project review process, please call me or Dr. Joe Sullivan, the ADF&G liaison to the Trustee Council.

Sincerely,



Molly McCammon  
Executive Director

Enclosure

cc: Dr. Joe Sullivan, ADF&G Liaison  
Dr. Robert Spies, Chief Scientist

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# PRELIMINARY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION/FY 97 WORK PLAN

Proj.No.	ProjectTitle	Proposer	Lead Agency	New or Cont'd	FY97 Request	FY97 Recommended	FY98 Rec.	FY99 Rec.	Total FY97-02 Rec.
97001	Recovery of Harbor Seals From EVOS: Condition and Health Status	M. Castellini/UAF	ADFG	Cont'd 3rd yr. 4 yr. project	\$195.5			\$0.0	\$0.0

## Abstract

This project focuses on the health of harbor seals, a marine mammal species that is not recovering in Prince William Sound. Personnel from the University of Alaska in cooperation with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game will continue and expand work with harbor seals to assess their health, blood metabolites, blubber chemistry and size in relation to their ecological and nutritional requirements. The project addresses potential health and nutritional problems that may be impeding harbor seal recovery. In FY 97, the project greatly expands collaborative work with Native hunters through the Alaska Native Harbor Seal Commission and will initiate work in FY 98 at the Alaska SeaLife Center.

## Chief Scientist's Draft Recommendation

No recommendation pending receipt of additional peer review.

## Executive Director's Draft Recommendation

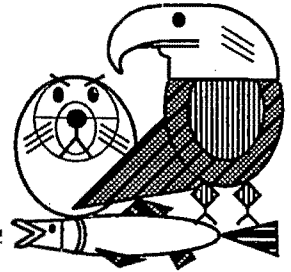
Defer decision on funding this project until Chief Scientist's review is complete. If the project is funded, funding should be contingent on receipt of the final report on 95117-BAA.

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June 21, 1996

David Cameron Duffy  
UAA/AK Natural Heritage Program  
707 A Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501-3625

RE: Project 97163A-P, APEX/Alaska Predator Ecosystem Experiment in  
Prince William Sound and the Gulf of Alaska

*David*  
Dear Dr. Duffy:

I am writing to inform you of my preliminary recommendation that the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council fund Project 97163 at the FY 96 level of \$1.8 million contingent on approval of a revised Detailed Project Description and budget that incorporate the modeling effort proposed in Project 97253-BAA. The Detailed Project Description and budget may be further revised depending on the outcome of the APEX review scheduled for Fall 1996. I have enclosed a copy of my preliminary recommendation on this project, along with a summary of the Chief Scientist's recommendation on the project's technical merits.

The Chief Scientist will continue to review the proposed expansion of subproject B and addition of subproject H. I expect that the Chief Scientist will complete the review of subproject H by the end of June. Subproject B will be reviewed as part of the APEX review planned for Fall 1996. If either or both of these additions are recommended, they should be funded within the project's \$1.8 million budget ceiling. It is also recommended that consideration be given to discontinuing subprojects C and P.

I appreciate your willingness to adapt the APEX project to maintain funding at the level of \$1.8 million in FY 97 and include the modeling component proposed in Project 97253-BAA. Your revised Detailed Project Description and budget should be submitted to the Restoration Office, Attn: Sandra Schubert, by **July 8, 1996**. The revised budget should be prepared on the standard detailed budget forms. (Please submit an electronic copy of the revised Detailed Project Description. An electronic copy of the revised budget is not needed.) Enclosed is a list of items considered in staff review of project budgets. It may help you prepare a revised budget.

All reports due from a principal investigator must be submitted before the investigator is authorized to use new funds. If Project 97163H is recommended for funding, the final

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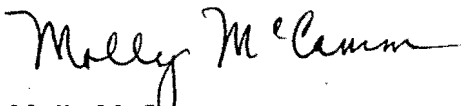
report on Project 95121 must be received before the project will be authorized to proceed.

I am also recommending that the Council defer decisions on funding two projects related to the APEX project, the marbled murrelet project (97231) and the seabird isotope project (97305). These projects will be discussed further at the fall review of the APEX project.

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Enclosures

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# PRELIMINARY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION/FY 97 WORK PLAN

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97163	APEX: Alaska Predator Ecosystem Experiment in Prince William Sound and the Gulf of Alaska	D. Duffy, et al/UAA	NOAA	Cont'd 2nd yr. 6 yr. project	\$2,287.8	\$1,800.0	\$1,800.0	\$1,800.0	\$5,576.4

## Abstract

This project will compare the reproductive and foraging biologies, including diet, of seabirds in Prince William Sound with similar measurements from Cook Inlet, an area with apparently a more suitable food environment. These measurements will be compared with hydroacoustic and net samples of fish to calibrate seabird performance with fish distribution and abundance, in an effort to determine the extent to which food limits the recovery of seabirds. Fish will be sampled to determine whether competitive and predatory interactions or different responses to the environment may be favoring the abundance of one fish species over another.

## Chief Scientist's Draft Recommendation

The APEX project is an important, innovative project examining the relationship between the availability of forage fish and productivity in marine birds. The study is fundamental to the restoration strategy adopted by the Trustee Council. The PIs are highly qualified and the project has strong leadership. However, the cost of this project is very high, with several new or increased components proposed for FY 97. These include a major increase to /163B for studying foraging seabirds in relation to downwellings and other local events which was previously recommended by the reviewers. A project on proximate composition of forage fish, /163H, has been added. Both the expanded /163B and the new /163H need additional review. The text provides no justification for a major increase in the cost of /163C, and the reviewers previously had expressed concern about the value of continuing this component. The reviewers also question the continuation of the sand lance oiling component (/163P). There is a significant modeling component incorporated in /163I. The reviewers encourage the modeling work and recommend that APEX essentially incorporate the proposal by Ainley, et al (97253), although the cost of this component, as proposed, is excessive. Finally, there is a major increase in funding requested for /163M, which may lose funding from alternative sources. Given the need for additional information and review, and uncertainties about supplementary funding for /163M, I can only recommend funding this project at the same level as in FY 96, about \$1.75 million. This amount should include the expanded modeling component (as in 97253).

## Executive Director's Draft Recommendation

Fund at FY 96 level contingent on receipt of the report due on 95163 and approval of a revised Detailed Project Description and budget that incorporate the modeling effort proposed in 97253-BAA. In addition, the Chief Scientist will continue to review the proposed expansion of subproject B and the addition of subproject H. If these additions are recommended, they should be funded within the budget ceiling set for this project. (Furthermore, if 97163H is recommended, funding should be contingent on receipt of the final report on 95121.) Consideration should be given to discontinuing subprojects C and P. The APEX project investigates the link between forage fish and seabird productivity. This work may yield results that will benefit the marine ecosystem in Prince William Sound and the northern Gulf of Alaska.

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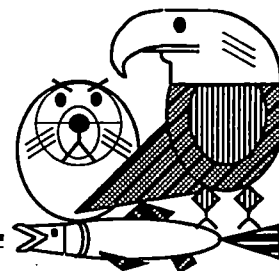
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June 21, 1996

Dr. Sievert Rohwer  
Thomas Burke Memorial Washington State Museum  
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Seattle, Washington 98195-3010

RE: Project 97167-BAA/Preparation and Curation of Seabirds Salvaged from  
the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill

Dear Dr. Rohwer:

I am writing to inform you of my preliminary recommendation that the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council fund Project 97167 contingent on approval of a reduced budget. I have enclosed a copy of my preliminary recommendation on this project, along with a summary of the Chief Scientist's recommendation on the project's technical merits.

The Chief Scientist supports this project at a lower level of funding. Please submit a revised budget for \$30,000. If this amount is not enough to salvage all the bird carcasses, salvage those with the greatest value to EVOS restoration (i.e., common murre, pigeon guillemot, harlequin duck, and black-legged kittiwake). The revised budget should be prepared on the standard detailed budget forms and submitted to the Restoration Office, Attn: Sandra Schubert, by **July 8, 1996**. (An electronic copy of the revised budget is not needed.) Enclosed is a list of items considered in staff review of project budgets. It may help you prepare a revised budget. The additional \$2,100 reflected in my recommendation is an allocation to the U.S. Department of the Interior to administer your contract.

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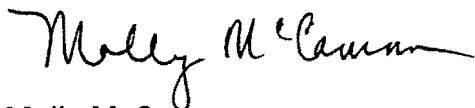
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Molly McCammon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Molly" being more prominent than the last name "McCammon".

Molly McCammon  
Executive Director

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<div> <div> <p><u>Abstract</u></p> <p>In 1992 the Burke Museum received emergency funds from the National Science Foundation to salvage about 1,500 of the most valuable bird carcasses from the <i>Exxon Valdez</i> oil spill. A year later the museum received another NSF grant to support the preparation, curation and storage of these specimens; unfortunately, that funding was not adequate to complete these tasks. This proposal seeks funds to complete the preparation and curation of the remaining birds salvaged from the <i>Exxon Valdez</i> spill for the Burke Museum.</p> </div> <div> <p><u>Chief Scientist's Draft Recommendation</u></p> <p>The project will establish a biological legacy that could be very valuable to restoration studies that require a sampling of birds killed by EVOS. Potential applications of genetic and other techniques to these samples could uncover additional information about injured bird populations. If there are not enough funds to salvage all of the specimens, as many as possible should be salvaged, giving priority to a combination of carcasses that has the greatest value to the restoration program. Fund at \$30.0.</p> </div> <div> <p><u>Executive Director's Draft Recommendation</u></p> <p>Fund contingent on approval of a reduced budget. This project will complete the preparation, cataloging and labeling of bird carcasses from the spill. This collection has value for restoration studies that require a sample of birds that died in the spill. If the reduced budget is not sufficient to salvage all of the carcasses, salvage as many as possible giving priority to those with the greatest value to the restoration program.</p> </div> </div>									

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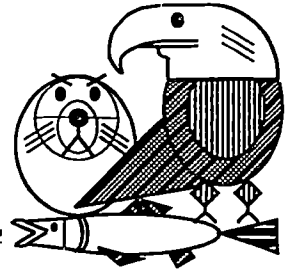
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June 21, 1996

Kathy Kuletz  
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
1011 East Tudor Road  
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

RE: Project 97231, Marbled Murrelet Productivity Relative to Forage Fish  
Availability and Environmental Parameters

*Kathy*  
Dear Ms. Kuletz:

I am writing to inform you of my preliminary recommendation that the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council defer a decision on funding Project 97231 until incorporation of the project into the APEX project (97163) has been explored. I have enclosed a copy of my preliminary recommendation on this project, along with a summary of the Chief Scientist's recommendation on the project's technical merits. Please note that if the project is recommended, funding would be contingent on receipt of the report for Project 95031 that is due June 30, 1996.

Your proposal was responsive to the *Invitation to Submit Restoration Proposals for Federal Fiscal Year 1997* and was favorably reviewed by the scientific panel. I also appreciate your efforts to adapt the project and reduce the budget to address concerns raised by the Chief Scientist. Although marbled murrelet work is important in its own right, the strongest justification for the work proposed in Project 97231 is its connection with the APEX hypotheses. The planned review of the APEX project in the fall of 1996 will provide an opportunity to reconsider your proposal.

My preliminary recommendations on all proposals for funding in FY 97 have been incorporated into the Draft Work Plan, which will be distributed for public comment by June 24. The Restoration Office will accept public comments through August 9. Following a review of the public comments, as well as comments from the Trustee Council's Public Advisory Group and further consideration by the Chief Scientist, I will make a final recommendation to the Trustee Council. Trustee Council action on all but deferred projects is tentatively scheduled for August 28. Council action on deferred projects is expected sometime in November or December.

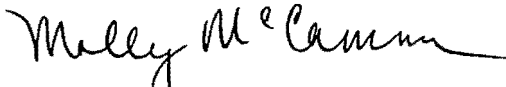
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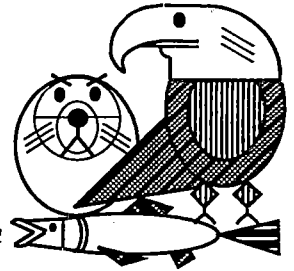
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97231	Marbled Murrelet Productivity Relative to Forage Fish Availability and Environmental Parameters	K. Kuletz/FWS	DOI	New 1st yr. 4 yr. project	\$217.7				
<p><u>Abstract</u></p> <p>This project investigates the hypothesis that forage fish abundance is limiting marbled murrelet reproductive success and thus recovery. It compares forage fish abundance, as determined by APEX and SEA studies, to an index of murrelet productivity. Intra- and inter-annual comparisons will be made among six sites in Prince William Sound and between the Sound and Kachemak Bay. Data on terrestrial and marine habitat use will be integrated to make a descriptive model of adult and juvenile murrelet distribution. Historical data will be examined for changes in the present distribution of murrelets indicative of ecosystem-level changes.</p>			<p><u>Chief Scientist's Draft Recommendation</u></p> <p>This project investigates the hypothesis that forage fish abundance is limiting marbled murrelet reproductive success and recovery. This work would complement the APEX project and is important in its own right, given the EVOS injury to murrelets. This is a good project from a solid investigator, but I am uncertain whether there is need for a 4-year project. The project is expensive, especially personnel costs, and the budget should be reduced. If funded, fund at a maximum of \$180.0.</p>			<p><u>Executive Director's Draft Recommendation</u></p> <p>Defer decision on funding this project until incorporation of the project into the APEX project (/163) is explored. This project would investigate the link between forage fish and marbled murrelet productivity and thereby help explain why the population is not recovering. The proposal is responsive to the Invitation, which encouraged proposals that would integrate marbled murrelet field work with the APEX project. If Project 97231 is funded as a separate project, the funding level should not exceed \$180.0 in FY 97, \$180.0 in FY 98, and \$50.0 in FY 99. Funding should be contingent on receipt of the final report on 95031.</p>			

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Alaska Native Harbor Seal Commission  
POB 1005  
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Dr. Jim Fall  
Subsistence Division  
Alaska Department of Fish & Game  
333 Raspberry Road  
Anchorage, Alaska 99518

RE: Project 97244\Community-based Harbor Seal Management and Biological  
Sampling  
Project 97245-BAA, Community-based Harbor Seal Research

*Monica Riedel*  
Dear Ms. ~~Riedel~~ and Dr. ~~Fall~~:

I am writing to inform you of my preliminary recommendation that the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council 1) fund the continuation portion of Project 97244 and defer a decision on the expansion of the program to additional communities and 2) not fund Project 97245. I have enclosed a copy of my preliminary recommendations on these projects, along with a summary of the Chief Scientist's recommendations on the projects' technical merits.

With respect to Project 97244, my preliminary recommendation is to support continuation of the existing sampling program at the amount projected last year (\$100,000, including general administration). I recommend deferring consideration of the proposed expansion of the sampling program until further information can be provided about the effectiveness of the sampling program, the recovery status of harbor seals, the usefulness of these additional samples to EVOS research needs, and the role of NMFS in this program. I further recommend deleting from Project 97244 the proposed upgrade of the "Whiskers!" database and evaluating these upgrades in the context of Project 97352, a new project that will address comprehensively the use of traditional ecological knowledge in the restoration program. Please submit a revised Detailed Project Description and budget for Project 97244 that reflect these changes. The revised budget should be prepared on the standard detailed budget forms and

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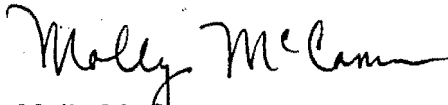
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Regarding Project 97245, the Chief Scientist has recommended that a version of this proposal be reconsidered in FY 98 following an overall assessment of the harbor seal program. I agree with his recommendation.

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## Abstract

This project will expand the biological sample collection program funded by the Trustee Council in FY 96 in Prince William Sound and lower Cook Inlet to two Kodiak Island and two Alaska Peninsula communities. Village-based technicians will be selected by the Alaska Native Harbor Seal Commission (ANHSC) and trained to collect samples and transport the samples for analysis. The traditional knowledge database distributed in FY 96 will be updated and produced on CD-ROM. Maps depicting harbor seal subsistence harvest areas will be prepared. The ANHSC will organize a workshop and produce and distribute a newsletter.

## Chief Scientist's Draft Recommendation

The technical approach for this project is very clear; it seems feasible, and makes excellent use of local residents' talents that have been historically underutilized. Good collaboration with Youth Area Watch project (/210). Proposers need to follow through on plan to find non-Trustee Council funding. Management costs seem high; harbor seal commission's TEK time could be reduced without adverse impact on the proposal. Fund after submission of revised proposal.

## Executive Director's Draft Recommendation

Fund continuation of the existing program at the amount projected in FY 96, with funding contingent on approval of a revised Detailed Project Description and budget. If successful, this pilot project will serve as a prototype for a long-term sampling program that will involve Native hunters in the management of harbor seals. In the near term, this project will enable Native hunters to provide harbor seal samples for 97001, 97064, and 97170, which seek to explain why harbor seals are not recovering. Defer decision on funding the proposed expansion of the sampling program until the effectiveness of the sampling program and the recovery status of harbor seals and continuing research needs are assessed. Evaluate the proposed upgrade of the "Whiskers!" database in the context of 97352, a new project that will address comprehensively the use of traditional ecological knowledge in the restoration program.

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<p><u>Abstract</u></p> <p>This project aids restoration of harbor seals and subsistence by developing fundamental data sets needed to (1) evaluate factors affecting the harbor seal decline and (2) strengthen monitoring of subsistence takes. This project involves the knowledge and expertise of subsistence users and other community members to survey seasonal changes in harbor seal distribution during the fall-winter-spring, develop detailed annotated harbor seal distribution maps, and work with the Community Involvement project (/052) to record observations of local marine occurrences and summarize observations in regional newsletters.</p>			<p><u>Chief Scientist's Draft Recommendation</u></p> <p>This project addresses significant community concerns about what is happening to the harbor seal population in the spill area. It proposes to train and use local residents in surveying harbors seals, particularly in the winter months. The level of experience of the investigators is good, and the proposed collaboration with local residents is desirable. However, this proposal does not address the extensive existing database and how these data would be utilized. It is not explicitly stated how the results of this project will augment our understanding of seal declines or aid in their recovery. Do not fund, but consider revision in FY98 after overall assessment of harbor seal program.</p>			<p><u>Executive Director's Draft Recommendation</u></p> <p>Do not fund in FY 97. Reconsider this proposal in FY 98 after the assessment of the recovery status of harbor seals and continuing research needs.</p>			

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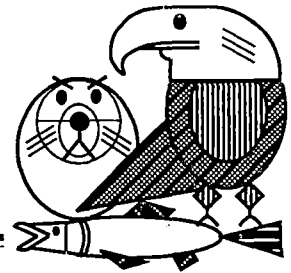
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June 21, 1996

John Piatt  
NBS, Alaska Science Center  
1011 East Tudor Road  
Anchorage, Alaska 99503-6119

RE: Project 97305, Monitoring Response of Seabirds to Changing Prey  
Availability Using Stable Isotope Analysis  
Project 97306, Ecology and Demographics of Pacific Sand Lance in  
Lower Cook Inlet

  
Dear Dr. Piatt:

I am writing to inform you of my preliminary recommendation that the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council 1) defer a decision on funding of Project 97305 until completion of the APEX (Project 97163) review scheduled for Fall 1996 and 2) fund Project 97306 contingent on approval of a revised Detailed Project Description and budget that include a literature review on sand lance biology. I have enclosed a copy of my preliminary recommendations on these projects, along with a summary of the Chief Scientist's recommendations on the projects' technical merits.

With respect to Project 97305, the Chief Scientist recommends that samples gathered through the APEX project in 1995 and 1996 be initially analyzed under Project \170. Following completion of the FY 96 field season, a review of the APEX project is planned. This will provide an opportunity to reconsider Project 97305 in the context of overall APEX priorities and the adequacy of sample analysis under Project \170.

With respect to Project 97306, the Chief Scientist recommends that the proposed project be expanded to include a literature review on sand lance biology and suggests that a small budget increase would be appropriate. The Restoration Office estimates that the revised budget, including general administration, will be \$32,800. The revised budget should be prepared on the standard detailed budget forms and submitted, along with a revised DPD that includes the literature review, to the Restoration Office, Attn: Sandra Schubert, by **July 8, 1996**. (Please submit an electronic copy of the revised Detailed Project Description. An electronic copy of the revised budget is not needed.) Enclosed is a list of items considered in staff review of project budgets. It may help you prepare a revised budget.

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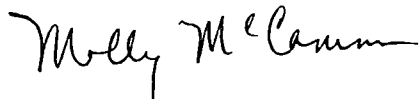
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My preliminary recommendations on all proposals for funding in FY 97 have been incorporated into the Draft Work Plan, which will be distributed for public comment June 24. The Restoration Office will accept public comments through August 9. Following a review of the public comments, as well as comments from the Trustee Council's Public Advisory Group and further consideration by the Chief Scientist, I will make a final recommendation to the Trustee Council. Trustee Council action on all but deferred projects is tentatively scheduled for August 28. Council action on deferred projects is expected sometime in November or December.

Thank you for your continuing interest in the *Exxon Valdez* restoration program. If you have questions about these preliminary recommendations, please call me or Catherine Berg, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service liaison to the Trustee Council.

Sincerely,



Molly McCammon  
Executive Director

Enclosures

cc: Catherine Berg, USFWS Liaison  
Dr. Robert Spies, Chief Scientist

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# PRELIMINARY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION/FY 97 WORK PLAN

Proj.No.	ProjectTitle	Proposer	Lead Agency	New or Cont'd	FY97 Request	FY97 Recommended	FY98 Rec.	FY99 Rec.	Total FY97-02 Rec.
97305	Monitoring Response of Seabirds to Changing Prey Availability Using Stable Isotope Analysis	J. Piatt/DOI-NBS	DOI	New 1st yr. 4 yr. project	\$90.1				\$0.0
<div> <div> <p><u>Abstract</u></p> <p>A key component of the ecosystem-level study (APEX) designed to evaluate the response of seabirds to fluctuations in forage fish density following the <i>Exxon Valdez</i> oil spill is the accurate evaluation of seabird diet through time. Recent advances in the use of naturally occurring stable isotopes of carbon and nitrogen to trace food webs can be applied to seabird communities. This technique will allow trophic dynamics and location of feeding to be traced in association with intra- and inter-seasonal changes in seabird prey. Moreover, the measurement of several tissues of seabirds, including those of their eggs, will be used to establish diet of birds integrated over various time periods.</p> </div> <div> <p><u>Chief Scientist's Draft Recommendation</u></p> <p>Stable isotope measurement of seabird tissues could contribute much to our understanding of declines of seabird populations relative to food sources. However, there are a number of technical issues relating to study design and the need to analyze existing samples in order to more efficiently design a future program. Therefore it is recommended that samples gathered in the APEX program in 1995 and 1996 be initially analyzed under project /170 (Schell). The interpretation of these data will provide a basis for future work in this area.</p> </div> <div> <p><u>Executive Director's Draft Recommendation</u></p> <p>Defer decision on funding this project. Review whether samples gathered in the APEX project (/163) are being analyzed under Project 97170 using stable isotope analysis. Consider in context of overall APEX priorities following completion of FY 96 field season.</p> </div> </div>									



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Proj.No.	ProjectTitle	Proposer	Lead Agency	New or Cont'd	FY97 Request	FY97 Recommended	FY98 Rec.	FY99 Rec.	Total FY97-02 Rec.
97306	Ecology and Demographics of Pacific Sand Lance in Lower Cook Inlet	J. Piatt/DOI-NBS	DOI	New 1st yr. 3 yr. project	\$27.8	\$32.8	\$30.0	\$20.0	\$82.8

## Abstract

The purpose of this project is to characterize the basic ecology, distribution and demographics of sand lance in lower Cook Inlet. Recent declines of upper trophic level species in the Gulf of Alaska have been linked to decreasing availability of forage fish. Sand lance is the most important forage fish in most nearshore areas of the northern Gulf. Despite its importance to fish, seabirds, and marine mammals, little is known or published on the basic biology of this key prey species.

## Chief Scientist's Draft Recommendation

This is a novel and exceptionally useful contribution to understanding of a forage fish species that is very important to injured resources and the marine ecosystem. Relies on a graduate student under good supervision and is very cost effective. Fund. PIs should consider addition of a literature review on sand lance biology to this project and a small budget increase (perhaps \$4-5,000) would be appropriate to accomplish this objective.

## Executive Director's Draft Recommendation

Fund contingent on approval of a revised Detailed Project Description and slightly increased budget that include a literature review on sand lance biology. This project would study sand lance, an important forage fish in the northern Gulf of Alaska. Sand lance populations have been in decline in recent years and should be studied in order to understand marine ecosystems as they may affect injured seabirds and marine mammals.

## ITEMS CONSIDERED IN REVIEW OF FY 97 DETAILED BUDGETS

1. Level of funding authorized in FY 96 and projection, at that time, of FY 97 budget. Items budgeted for FY 96 but not implemented should not be funded again in FY 97 unless the proposer can verify that he/she will lapse the "unused" FY 96 funds. Take into account that in some cases the FY 97 projection did not include agency general administration costs.
2. Change in project's scope/direction per Trustee Council and/or Chief Scientist in FY 96 Final Work Plan or subsequent review sessions (e.g., transition to agency funding, duration, close out certain components).
3. Change in project's scope per the Chief Scientist's recommendation (i.e., elimination, revision, or addition of objectives). If a pilot project is seeking expansion, note whether there is adequate information to evaluate the pilot's success. Decisions on some projects will need to be deferred pending fall review or completion of feasibility work underway in FY 96.
4. Personal Services: Note if number of months has increased significantly over FY 96 or if number of months appears excessive, e.g. 12 mos. for a close-out and not well justified. Also note if salary appears excessive relative to scope of work and salaries typically paid agency and university employees for the type of work.
5. Project Management: No funds should be budgeted (for most continuing projects, this should be reflected in a 1 mo. reduction in personnel time).
6. Travel: Note if travel has increased significantly over FY 96 and is not well justified.
7. Annual Workshop: For PI and co-PI only, travel and per diem for 3 days -- and only if PI/co-PI not located in Anchorage.
8. Other EVOS Reviews/Workshops: Only for those PIs and co-PIs whose projects will be the subject of a fall review session (NVP, APEX, SEA, and killer whales only in FY 97) -- and only if PI/co-PI not located in Anchorage.
9. Professional Conferences: One per PI and co-PI, and with the understanding that the PI will be presenting results of his or her EVOS work or that attendance at the workshop is integral to the project -- and only if the DPD identifies the conference and the reason for attending.
10. Manuscript Preparation: Maximum \$1,000 in page costs per project and maximum 1.5 months personnel time per publication -- and only if the DPD

indicates that a manuscript will be published (i.e., appear in print) in FY 97. Note number of manuscripts for which funding support is requested.

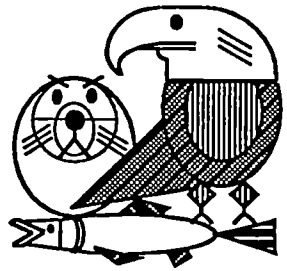
11. Report Writing: No funding on new projects unless the DPD indicates the report will be completed in FY 97 (or rolled into a non-severable contract in FY 97).
12. Equipment: Note purchases of major new equipment that are not well justified.
13. Indirect Costs: Office supplies, copying, phones, equipment maintenance and repair, vehicle leasing, software, and training are typically indirect costs. Such costs should be budgeted for separately only if they are incurred because of a specific project and documentation of the expense is maintained. The documentation must demonstrate to a financial auditor that the expense was directly attributable to the project, and was necessary and reasonable. Maintenance and operation of space (i.e., lease costs) are always an indirect cost.
14. Community Involvement: Note funds budgeted, including funds for collecting TEK (i.e., payment of sources).
15. Future Years: Note significant changes (from what was projected in the FY 96 Final Work Plan) in FY 98 and other out-year costs.
16. Other: Note additional, project-specific budget issues that may need to be addressed.

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Bruce Wright/NOAA

FROM: Molly McCammon  
Executive Director

RE: Final Report for Project 95074/Herring Reproductive Impairment

DATE: June 20, 1996

The purpose of this memorandum is to confirm a further extension of the due date, from June 15 to September 30, 1996, for Jeep Rice's and Mark Carls's final report on Project 95074/Herring Reproductive Impairment. Thank you for the detailed accounting of the status of the report. I appreciate the amount of effort going into it and am particularly pleased that five journal articles are in the works. I look forward to seeing the finished product at the end of September.

cc: Bob Spies

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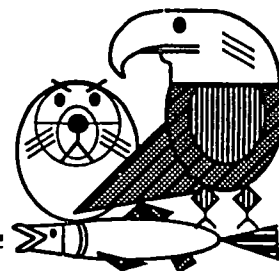
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## **For Immediate Release**

Date: June 21, 1996

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## **Hunt joins Council as communications coordinator**

Joe Hunt, a former reporter with the *Anchorage Times* and the *Peninsula Clarion*, has joined the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council as communications coordinator.

While writing for the *Anchorage Times*, Hunt spent three years reporting on Alaska's natural resources and environmental issues. He served as lead reporter for the Exxon Valdez oil spill before moving to Kenai to open the *Times'* Kenai Peninsula Bureau. Most recently, Hunt served as public information officer and constituent relations assistant for Governor Tony Knowles.

As communications coordinator, Hunt will oversee development of publications and work with media representatives worldwide to provide information on restoration efforts.

Hunt replaces L.J. Evans, who resigned recently to move to Fairbanks, in this position.

**Contact: Molly McCammon or Joe Hunt at 907/278-8012**

General information concerning the oil spill and restoration efforts can be obtained from the Oil Spill Public Information Center at 645 G St., Suite 100, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, ph: 278-8008 toll-free within Alaska at 1-800-478-7745.

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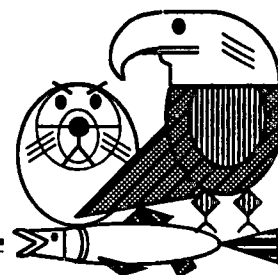
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### MEMORANDUM

**To:** Brenda Baxter, Bruce Wright, Joe Sullivan, Robert Spies, Lisa Thomas, Ernie Piper, Ray Thompson, and Mike Castellini

**From:** Stan Senner *Stan Senner*

**Subject:** 10th Anniversary Planning Meeting

**Date:** June 21, 1996

A planning meeting for the 10th anniversary science symposium is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 27, in the large conference room at the Restoration Office in Anchorage. The meeting should run to about 3:00 p.m. Please let me know by telephone or e-mail (stans@oilspill.state.ak.us) if you (or an alternate) plan to attend. If you cannot attend the meeting but want to be tied in by telephone (perhaps for select agenda items), please also let me know in advance.

I have attached a tentative agenda, reflecting my thoughts and those of Bruce Wright and Brenda Baxter. Some of these items have, to some extent, been covered already and will be very brief. Others may require extended discussion. If you have a major item to add to this list, please let me know in advance. Otherwise, bring your suggestions to the meeting. Be prepared to volunteer your time!

I look forward to seeing you then. Thank you.

enclosure (1)

cc: Molly McCammon  
Bill Hauser  
Andy Gunther  
Jeep Rice  
Joe Hunt  
John French  
Jim King

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**Planning Meeting**  
**10th Anniversary Science Symposium**  
**Thursday -- June 27, 1996**  
**Restoration Office, Large Conference Room**  
**9:00 a.m.**

*Tentative Agenda*

Location, length, dates, and times

Target audience (technical, general publ., news media, etc.)

Themes, topics, and title

Basic organization (e.g., plenary or concurrent sessions)

Participants (e.g., open, Trustee only, invited)

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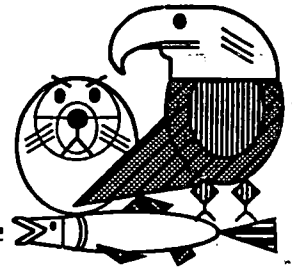
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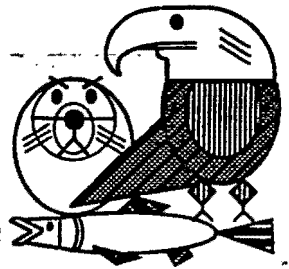


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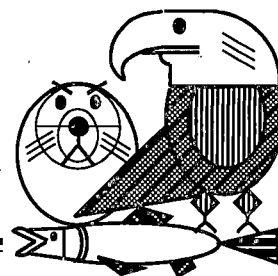
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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Restoration Work Force Members

**From:** Molly McCammon *Stan Seaman for Molly*  
Executive Director

**Date:** June 18, 1996

**Subj:** Date Change for June 20 RWF Meeting

Due to scheduling conflicts and staff leave, I am rescheduling the June 20 Restoration Work Force meeting to **Tuesday, July 2, at 9:00 a.m.** in the large conference room at the Restoration Office in Anchorage. Those of you in Juneau may participate from the Executive Director's Office.

The tentative agenda includes:

- ▶ Report on the Trustee Council Public Hearing in Kodiak
- ▶ Project Management and Agency Liaison Budgets
- ▶ Status of the 1997 Draft Work Plan
- ▶ Report on the June 5 Public Advisory Group meeting
- Status of the 10th Anniversary Planning
- ▶ Other miscellaneous issues

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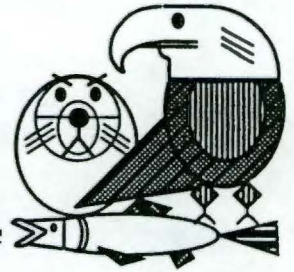
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From: Molly McCommon Date: June 18, 1996

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Thank you

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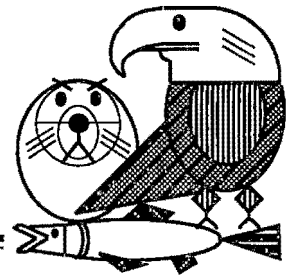
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## PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

**Date:** June 14, 1996  
**Subject:** June 15, 1996 *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council public meeting in Kodiak  
**Contact:** Eric Myers

### NOTICE - TIME CHANGE

#### EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL

4:30 to 6:30 pm — Saturday, June 15, 1996  
(meeting will begin ½ hour earlier than previously announced)

Kodiak Senior Center — 302 Erskine Street

The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council will meet Saturday, June 15, 1996 from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm at the Kodiak Senior Center. The public is invited to attend.

The meeting will include an update regarding the Trustee Council restoration program. The Council members are having this meeting in Kodiak to meet with area residents to learn about and discuss their questions and concerns.

Persons who may need a special modification in order to participate in this meeting should contact Eric Myers or Cherri Womac at the Restoration Office, 645 G Street, Anchorage, Alaska (1-800-478-7745 toll free in Alaska).

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**EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL  
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JUNE 15, 1996**

Craig Tillery, Michele Brown, Deborah Williams, Jim Wolfe, Molly McCammon, and Frank Rue in USFWS goose. Leave OAS at Anchorage airport at **8:00 am. (Be there at 7:45 am.)** Fly over Shuyak Island and Afognak Island lands. Arrive in Kodiak by 11 a.m. Transportation provided by USFWS to high school for lunch.

Barry Roth, Alex Swiderski, <sup>Rebecca</sup> Joe Hunt, and Kim Murphy with the L.A. Times (tentative) fly commercial to Kodiak either on **6 am** Alaska Airlines jet or **7 am** ERA flight. Will be picked up at **8:30 am** by USFWS and transported to downtown channel for flight in USFWS Beaver. Beaver will fly over Shuyak and Afognak Islands. Back to town by 11 am. Transportation provided by USFWS to high school for lunch.

Collinsworth will fly to Kodiak Sat. am and join us at the luncheon, as will the Lt. Gov.

**11:45 am** - lunch at Kodiak High School Commons as guests of Kodiak Island Borough, Akhiok-Kaguyak, Koniag, and Old Harbor Corporations. Lt. Gov. Fran Ulmer is keynote speaker, with brief remarks by Deborah Williams representing the federal trustees and Frank Rue representing the state trustees. Invited guests include borough and city assembly members, mayors, and others. Two Public Advisory Group members will be there: Brenda Schwantes, who represents subsistence and is with the Kodiak Area Native Association, and Pam Brodie, the conservation representative. Hank Eaton, the Kodiak area community facilitator will be also be there. Transportation provided from lunch to Near Island site.

**2:00 pm** - groundbreaking ceremony for new Near Island Research facility. Sen. Stevens is the keynote speaker. Transportation provided to reception.

**3:00 - 5:00 pm** - public reception at Alutiiq Museum - 215 Mission Road. Transportation provided to hearing.

**5:00 - 6:30 pm** - Trustee Council public hearing at Senior Center. Rue, Brown, Collinsworth, Wolfe, Ulmer all trying to catch the 6:28 pm flight so they can make it back to Juneau that night. Williams, Tillery, McCammon and others will stay to the end. Williams back to Anchorage on 10 pm flight.

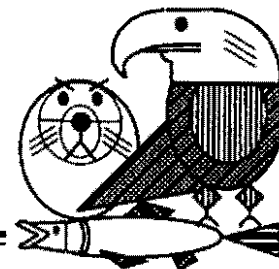
**7:00 pm** - McCammon, Tillery, Swiderski, Roth, Elison and Ballinger to Karluk River. Back to Anchorage via goose on **June 18**. Estimated arrival - **7-8 pm**.

# Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council

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## MEMORANDUM

To: Nancy Slagle, Director  
Division of Budget Review  
Office of Management and Budget

From: Molly McCammon  
Executive Director

Date: June 14, 1996

Subj: RPL 10 - 6 - 4023

Due to technical problems associated with the passage of SB 136, the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (ADNR), in accordance with Chapter 1, FSSLA 1992, is now requesting the authority to receive and expend \$6,670,500 from the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill settlement trust funds to purchase 691.9 acres of surface estate from the owners of the eight small parcels listed in Table 1. Two of these parcels are in the Prince William Sound region and six are on the Kenai Peninsula. This request is time critical because one of the sellers is very ill, and several others have already made financial arrangements based on representation that they would be able to close in June.

Table 1. Summary of Small Parcels to be Purchased

Parcel ID	Description	Location	Acres	Value
PWS 17&17A-D	Ellamar Subdivision	Tatitlek	33.4	\$ 655,500
PWS 52	Hayward Parcel	Valdez	9.5	\$ 150,000
KEN 10	Kobylarz Subdivision	Kenai River	20.0	\$ 320,000
KEN 19	Coal Creek Moorage	Kasilof River Flats	53.0	\$ 260,000
KEN 29	Tulin Parcel	Homer	220.0	\$1,200,000
KEN 34	Cone Parcel	Kenai River	100.0	\$ 600,000
KEN 148	River Ranch	Kenai River	146.0	\$1,650,000
KEN 1006	Girves Parcel	Kenai River	110.0	\$1,835,000
			691.9	\$6,670,500

### Trustee Agencies

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



As you know, this authorization was originally included in the supplemental appropriations bill because of concerns about timing. These transactions need to be closed as soon as possible. In most cases, the sellers offered their parcels over a year ago and the Trustee Council had extensive public deliberations before the decision to acquire them. The Council made its decision to acquire these parcels in November 1995. Most of the sellers expected the transactions to close within about 60 days and have made financial commitments on that basis. The Coal Creek Moorage parcel is currently the subject of a bank foreclosure proceeding, and the owners could lose the proceeds from the sale. One of the Ellamar Subdivision parcel owners has procured options to purchase inholdings and has expended substantial sums of money to acquire an inholding and conduct survey work as requested by ADNR. These options will expire unless the sale is completed soon. The Tulins have already purchased certain mineral rights that were needed for the State to acquire their parcel. The Cones and the owners of Coal Reek Moorage have procured surveys as requested by ADNR. Some of these actions were taken following assurances that the funds were available to close.

These parcels of land were evaluated as part of the Trustee Council's *Comprehensive Habitat Protection Process: Small Parcel Evaluation and Ranking* (July 15, 1995). Two of the parcels recommended for acquisition rank high, four rank moderate, and two have designated "Parcels Meriting Special Consideration (PMS)," that is, parcels that have unique or other outstanding values that transcend the parcels' scores.

Ellamar Subdivision is on Virgin Bay, about two miles north of Tatitlek in Prince William Sound. Public ownership of undeveloped waterfront lots within this subdivision will protect habitat for pink salmon, Pacific herring, intertidal/subtidal organisms, sea otters, and recreation/tourism by preventing further construction on these parcels. Acquisition will also ensure public access to the uplands for camping and preserve the option to enhance public recreational opportunities.

Hayward Parcel is adjacent to the Valdez Duck Flats. The parcel contains three gravel pads that extend out onto the Duck Flats. Public ownership of this parcel will protect habitat for intertidal and subtidal organisms, harbor seals, and sea otters by preventing further development of the site. Acquisition will also create an opportunity to return the site to its natural condition by removing the three gravel pads that are on the site.

Kobylarz Subdivision has about 1,100 feet of riverbank frontage on Big Eddy at Mile 14 of the Kenai River. The Big Eddy fishing hole is one of the most popular fishing areas on the Kenai River. The Kobylarz Subdivision consists of a large wetland and spring-fed slough bordered by a bluff to the north, partially submerged woods, and the Kenai mainstem. Public ownership of the parcel will protect habitat for pink salmon, Dolly Varden, and recreation/tourism by preventing the loss of wetlands to development. Acquisition will also create an opportunity for public agencies to manage use of the stream banks to minimize habitat degradation.

Coal Creek Moorage is part of the Kasilof River Flats. Public ownership of this parcel will protect fish habitat and intertidal habitat by preventing the filling of wetlands that would result from construction; enable agencies to better protect cultural resources and to manage use of

the stream banks to minimize habitat degradation; and preserve opportunities for the public to continue using the area. The Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association uses Coal Creek as a release site for sockeye salmon smolts, which contribute to the overall Cook Inlet commercial fishery. Support for acquisition of this parcel was expressed by the Kenai Peninsula Borough (Resolution 93-104) and Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association.

Tulin Parcel lies between the Sterling Highway and Cook Inlet. The adjacent property to the south is a large tract of state-owned land that does not have road access to the Sterling Highway. The parcel is dominated by a mixed spruce and birch forest association. Public ownership of this parcel will protect bald eagle habitat and preserve recreational opportunities by preventing further development of the subdivision on the parcel. Acquisition would also create the opportunity to enhance recreational opportunities through, for example, improving and maintaining the road for access to the beach. Support for acquisition of this parcel was expressed by Kachemak Bay State Park Citizens Advisory Board (Resolution 95-3).

Cone Parcel is near the mouth of the Kenai River in an area known as the Kenai River Flats. Public ownership of this parcel will protect fish habitat, intertidal habitat, and the recreational values associated with the fish and wildlife on this parcel by preventing development on this parcel. Furthermore, at one time the City of Kenai proposed to rezone 500 acres of adjacent city-owned wetlands from a Rural Residential classification to Conservation, if the *Exxon Valdez* Trustee Council acquired subject property.

Girves Parcel is located near Mile 19 of the Kenai River just outside the city of Soldotna. It is across from Centennial Campground and Slikok Creek State Recreation Area. Public ownership of the parcel will protect fish habitat by allowing public agencies to manage public use of the stream banks. Acquisition will also enhance recreation by providing additional public land for fishing and other recreational uses. Appropriate action would be taken to protect or restore stream bank vegetation that is important fish habitat.

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources will manage these parcels with protection of fish and wildlife habitat and populations as the highest management priorities. Under the terms of the purchase agreements, public use of these lands must be allowed and must include sport, personal use, and subsistence hunting, fishing, trapping, and recreational uses, consistent with public safety and permitted under law or regulations of the Board of Fisheries and Board of Game.

I have included Restoration Benefits Reports and maps of each parcel. Since this is a capital project, authority to receive and expend subject to AS 37.25.020 is requested. If you have any questions about this RPL, please contact me at 278-8012.

Attachments (1)

# Restoration Benefits Reports

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This section describes the eight small parcels which the state would like to purchase. Descriptions include a map of the parcel, and text describing the parcel's acreage, rank, agency sponsor, appraised value, owner, general location, restoration benefits, potential threats, proposed management, and public comment. Parcel identification numbers are prefaced with an abbreviation for the region — PWS for Prince William Sound and KEN for Kenai Peninsula.

**Acreage.** Parcels range from 9.5 to 220 acres in size.

**Rank.** The Habitat Work Group evaluates, scores, and ranks parcels that comply with threshold criteria. The evaluation process takes into account the resource value of the parcel, adverse impacts from human activity, and potential benefits to management of public lands. Two of the parcels recommended for acquisition rank high, four rank moderate, and two have been designated "Parcels Meriting Special Consideration (PMSC)." A PMSC is a parcel that has unique or other outstanding values that transcend the parcel's score.

**Sponsor.** Two state agencies sponsored small parcels: the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG) and the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (ADNR).

**Appraised value.** The parcel description indicates the appraised fair market value as well as a brief description of the highest and best use of the parcel. The appraised value is based on acquisition of fee simple interest in the parcel.

**Owner.** Current owner of the surface estate.

**Location.** General location of the property.

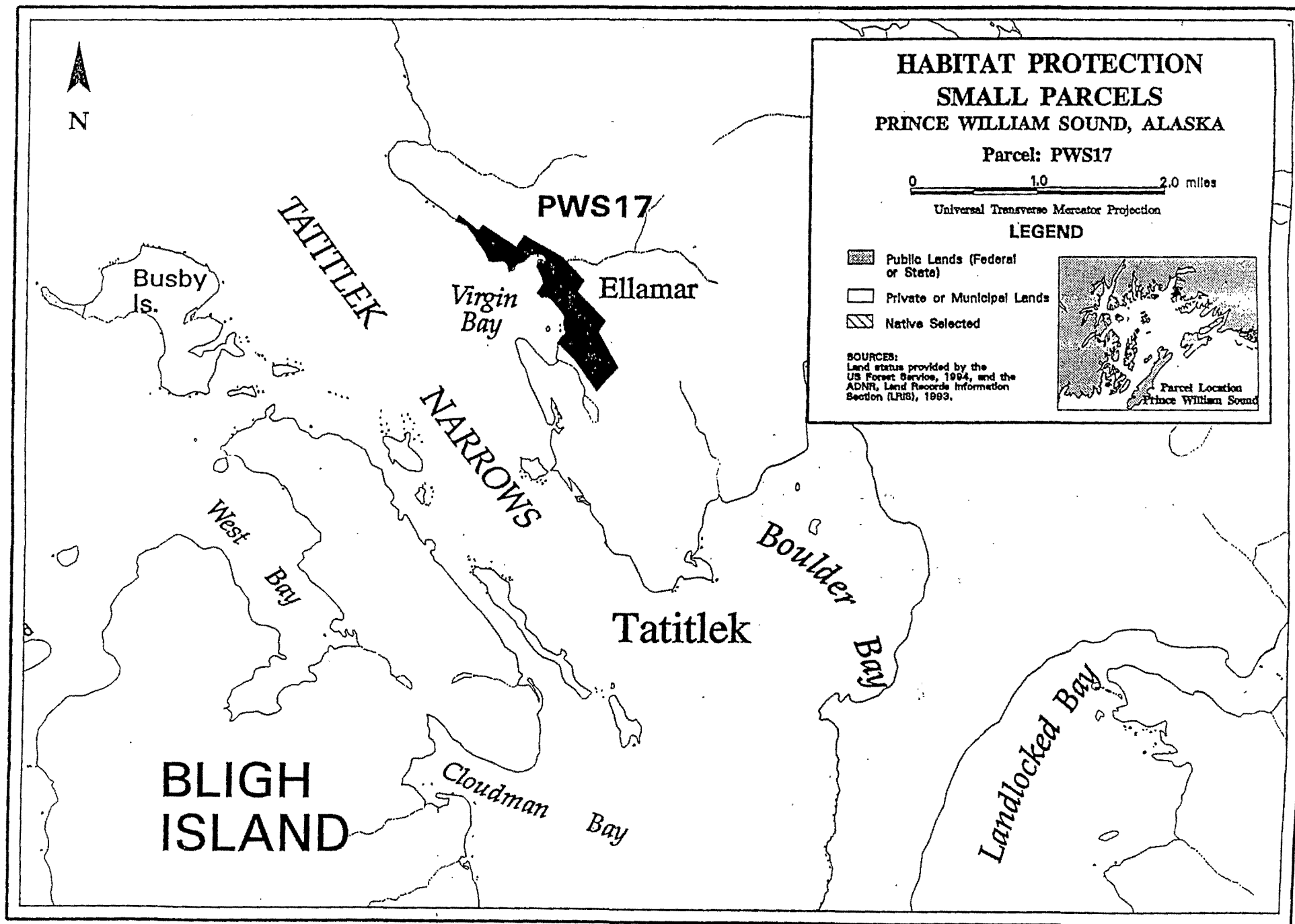
**Parcel Description.** Description of such factors as the dimensions of the property, road access, land use, ocean or river frontage, and structures that may exist on the parcel.

**Restoration Benefits.** This section describes how acquisition of the parcel will benefit the restoration of resources and services injured in the spill.

**Potential Threats.** Potential activities on the parcel that could threaten recovery of injured resources and services.

**Proposed Management.** A description of how the sponsor agency would manage the parcel.

**Public Comment.** A brief summary of public comments received on the parcel.





## PWS 17 and 17A-D: Ellamar Subdivision

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<b>Acreage:</b>	33.4	<b>Rank:</b>	Moderate	<b>Sponsor:</b>	ADNR	<b>Appraised Value:</b>	\$655,500
<b>Owners:</b>	Ellamar Properties, Inc. (Parcels 17 and 17A), Joe Pavak (Parcel 17B), Kay Haneline (Parcel 17C), and Francis Hunt, Jr. (Parcel 17D)						
<b>Location:</b>	Block 10, Lots 1, 2, 3, 5-11, 12 and 30 and USMS 556A, Ellamar Subdivision, 2 miles north of Tatitlek						

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**Parcel Description.** These five parcels are on Virgin Bay, about two miles north of Tatitlek. The area is mostly flat, well forested, protected by Bligh and Busby Islands to the west and surrounded by mountains to the east. Ellamar Subdivision has 157 lots, 42 of which have been sold. Acquisition efforts have focused on lots surrounding Virgin Bay. These lots have not been impacted by development activities and will provide a viable protection unit encompassing the mouth of Gladhaugh Creek and a large intertidal area.

**Restoration Benefits.** Public ownership of these parcels will protect habitat for pink salmon, Pacific herring, intertidal/subtidal organisms, sea otters, and recreation/tourism by preventing further construction on these parcels. Acquisition will also ensure public access to the uplands and preserve the option to enhance public recreational opportunities, for example, by installing mooring buoys or similar facilities.

Key habitat and other attributes of this parcel include the following:

- *Pink salmon.* Gladhaugh Creek, a pink salmon stream, bisects part of the parcel.
- *Herring, intertidal/subtidal organisms, and sea otters.* Virgin Bay supports heavy spawning concentrations of Pacific herring and is a documented concentrated sea otter pupping area.
- *Recreation/tourism.* Recreational improvements in the immediate vicinity include subdivision roads, a boathouse and dock. Virgin Bay also provides a protected anchorage.

These parcels have potential for enhancement of recreational opportunities in Prince William Sound. Ellamar is approximately 25 miles from Valdez by boat. The area would make a good destination and rest stop for recreational boaters entering Prince William Sound from Valdez. Virgin Bay provides a protected anchorage, and installation of mooring buoys or a public boat launch could improve safety for small boat operators.

**Potential Threats.** Ellamar Subdivision is partially developed. Subdivision roads have been constructed. Further construction in the subdivision could threaten injured resources and services. Potential impacts include elevated levels of disturbance, localized pollution, and possible habitat loss from erosion and sedimentation.

**Appraised Value.** The appraised value of the 22-acre Parcel 17 is \$310,000. The highest and best use of this property is recreational, residential, or commercial lodge type development. The appraised value of Parcels 17A-D are \$26,500, \$40,000, \$29,000 and \$250,000. The highest and best use of these smaller parcels is considered to be single family residential, residential cabins, or small lodge development.

**Proposed Management.** These parcels will be managed to preserve and protect them in order to restore, replace, enhance, and rehabilitate natural resources injured by the spill and the services provided by those natural resources. The land will probably be classified "Habitat/Public Recreation Land."

**Public Comment.** The Public Advisory Group noted that residents of Tatitlek use Virgin Bay for subsistence, and recommended that negotiators try to protect previously sold parcels to reduce the number of private inholdings that would remain in the lands acquired. One individual expressed support for acquisition of the land because of the area's exceptional scenery, recreational opportunities, wildlife values, and cultural history.








**HABITAT PROTECTION  
SMALL PARCELS  
PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND, ALASKA**

Parcel: PWS52

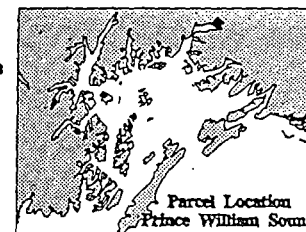
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Universal Transverse Mercator Projection

**LEGEND**

-  Public Lands (Federal or State)
-  Private or Municipal Lands
-  Native Selected

SOURCES:  
Land status provided by the  
US Forest Service, 1994, and the  
ADNR, Land Records Information  
Section (LRIS), 1993.



**PORT VALDEZ**

Mineral Creek

Valdez

PWS52

Valdez  
Airport

Richardson

Highway

## PWS 52: Hayward Parcel

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<b>Acreage:</b>	9.5	<b>Rank:</b>	Moderate	<b>Sponsor:</b>	ADFG	<b>Appraised Value:</b>	\$150,000
<b>Owner:</b>	Philip L. Hayward						
<b>Location:</b>	Zook Subdivision, near intersection of Richardson Highway and Mineral Loop Road, adjacent to Valdez Duck Flats						

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**Parcel Description.** This parcel is located near the intersection of the Richardson Highway and Mineral Loop Road. It is adjacent to the Valdez Duck Flats. The parcel contains three gravel pads that extend out onto the Duck Flats. The parcel has few additional improvements other than a shed and trailer.

**Restoration Benefits.** Public ownership of this parcel will protect habitat for intertidal and subtidal organisms, harbor seals, and sea otters by preventing further development of the site. Acquisition will also create an opportunity to return the site to its natural condition by removing the three gravel pads that are on the site. This relatively low-cost improvement would allow periodic flooding of this part of the Duck Flats and the re-establishment of native vegetation.

Key habitats and other attributes of this parcel include the following:

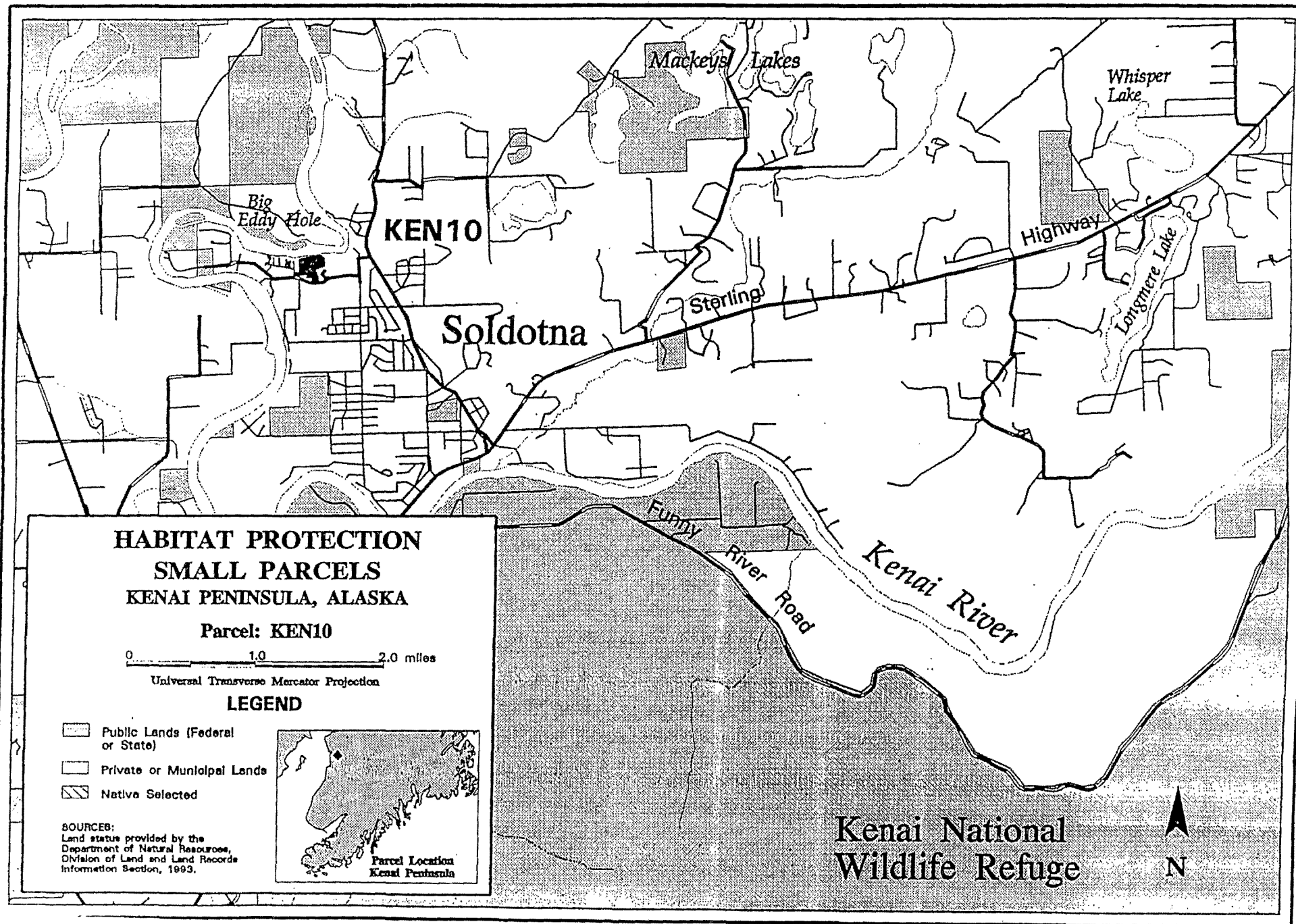
- *Intertidal/subtidal organisms.* The Valdez Duck Flats are a large and unique complex of intertidal mud flats and salt marsh covering approximately 1000 acres. The flats are flooded regularly by incoming tides that mix with seven freshwater streams creating a productive estuary environment. Millions of salmon fry from these streams and the nearby Solomon Gulch hatchery feed and rear throughout the Duck Flats, assisted by the counter-clockwise currents that flow through Port Valdez.
- *Harbor seals and sea otters* also forage throughout the area for mussels and clams.
- The Duck Flats also provide nesting, molting and staging habitat for 52 species of marine birds, eight species of waterfowl, 18 species of shorebirds and numerous other passerines and raptors.

**Potential Threats.** This parcel has significant development potential. It is on a major road system and has three gravel pads that could easily accommodate trailers or other structures. The gravel pads interfere with the periodic flooding that is essential for maintaining the Duck Flats, and displace native vegetation. Further development of the parcel as, for example, an RV park or a commercial operation, could add to the pollution from development around the perimeter of the flats, which is already affecting the Valdez Duck Flats.

**Appraised Value.** The appraised value of this parcel is \$150,000. This parcel is zoned Commercial-Residential. Therefore, the highest and best use would be development of an apartment complex, single family home, or commercial/industrial project utilizing the existing gravel pads for access and parking.

**Proposed Management.** This parcel will be managed to preserve and protect them in order to restore, replace, enhance, and rehabilitate natural resources injured by the spill and the services provided by those natural resources. The parcel will probably be classified "Habitat Land."

**Public Comment.** A member of the Public Advisory Group, who is also a resident of Valdez, supported acquisition of the Hayward parcel because he believed it to be the only piece of private land on the north end of the flats and its acquisition would keep that part of the flats as they are and provide an opportunity to clean up the gravel pads. The owner of a kayaking company in Valdez supported acquisition of this parcel because of the exceptional habitat values of the Valdez Duck Flats and concern about the possibility that an RV park may be constructed on the site.



## KEN 10: Kobylarz Subdivision

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<b>Acreage:</b>	20	<b>Rank:</b>	Moderate	<b>Sponsor:</b>	ADFG/ADNR	<b>Appraised Value:</b>	\$320,000
<b>Owner:</b>	Elizabeth Kobylarz						
<b>Location:</b>	Mile 14 of the Kenai River						

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**Parcel Description.** This parcel has about 1100 feet of riverbank frontage on Big Eddy at Mile 14 of the Kenai River. The Big Eddy fishing hole is one of the most popular fishing areas on the Kenai River. The Kobylarz Subdivision consists of a large wetland and spring-fed slough bordered by a bluff to the north, partially submerged woods, and the Kenai mainstem.

**Restoration Benefits.** Public ownership of this parcel will protect habitat for pink salmon, Dolly Varden, and recreation/tourism by preventing the loss of wetlands to development. Acquisition will also create an opportunity for public agencies to manage use of the streambanks to minimize habitat degradation.

Key habitats and other attributes of this parcel include the following:

- *Pink salmon and Dolly Varden* spawn in the river adjacent to the property. The slough provides excellent rearing and overwintering habitat for Dolly Varden, chinook and coho salmon.
- *Sockeye salmon* migrate and rear along the banks of the Kenai River.
- *Recreation/Tourism.* Recreation use of the Kenai River depends on fisheries resources that were injured in the spill, particularly sockeye salmon and Dolly Varden. The parcel receives a high level of trespass use by fishermen to gain access to the Big Eddy fishing hole. Boats also drop people off onshore to fish from the riverbank.

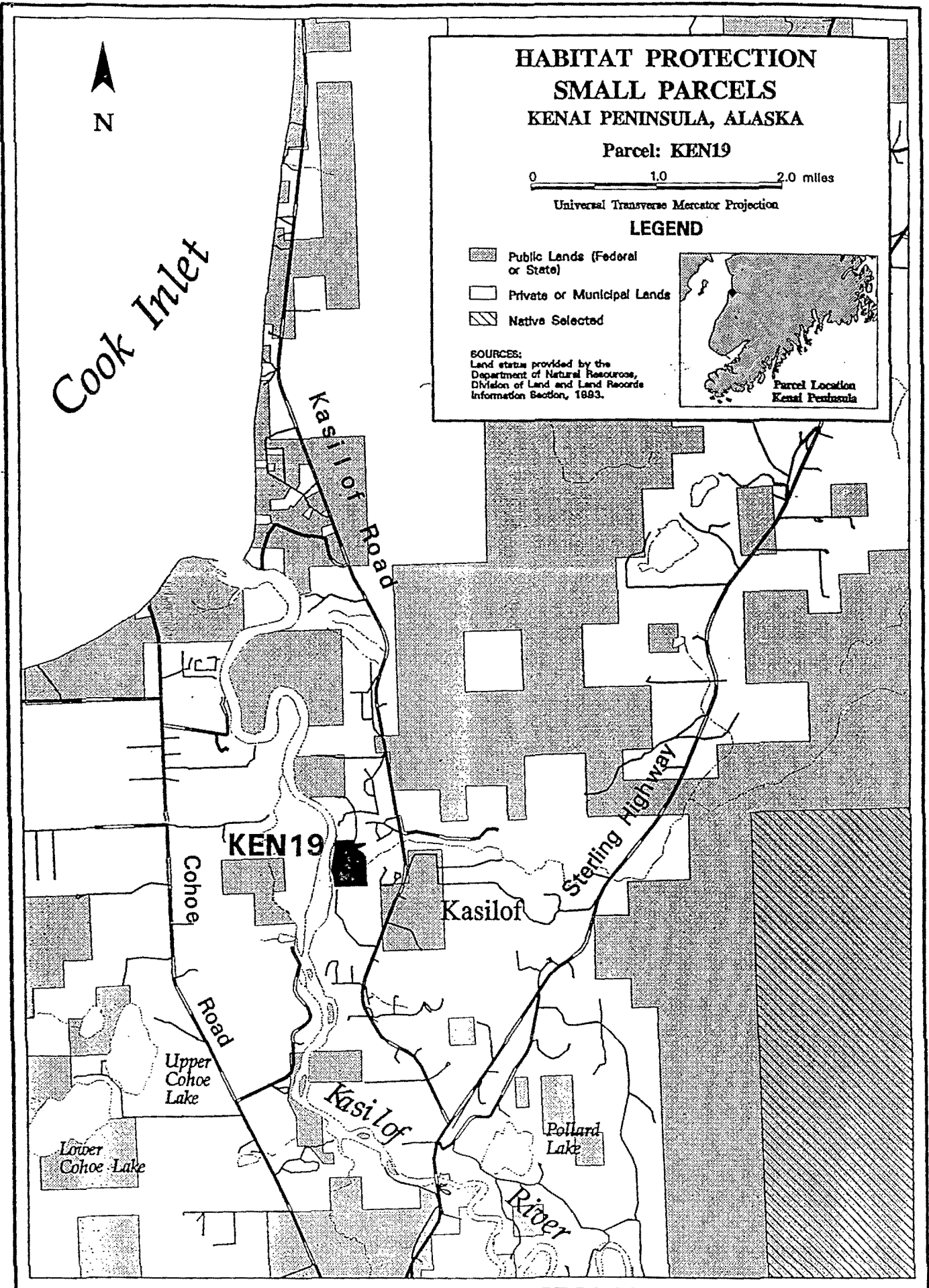
**Potential Threats.** Fishing activity on the Kenai River, particularly in the area downstream of the Soldotna Bridge, threatens to degrade fish spawning and rearing habitat on this parcel. The large numbers of fishers that use this area tend to trample and denude vegetation along streambanks, increasing erosion and sedimentation.

In 1979, the owners of this parcel applied to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for a Section 404 permit to place 9,300 cubic yards of fill in the wetlands adjacent to the Kenai River. This development would have eliminated 4.3 acres of wetlands. In its comments on the application, the U.S. Department of the Interior stated, "We view these wetlands as particularly significant because of their proximity to the river where they serve as a final filtering system for upland runoff and an important source of nutrients and material which are essential to the welfare of the river's fishery resource."

**Appraised Value.** The appraised value of this parcel is \$320,000. The parcel is located in a predominantly rural residential area and is improved with boardwalk, road, well, septic, and wood frame shelter. The highest and best use is determined to be interim use as an RV park with speculative holding for long-term subdivision development.

**Proposed Management.** This parcel will be managed to preserve and protect them in order to restore, replace, enhance, and rehabilitate natural resources injured by the spill and the services provided by those natural resources. The parcel will probably be classified "Habitat/Public Recreation Land."

**Public Comment.** The Restoration Office has received no written comments from the public regarding this parcel.



## KEN 19: Coal Creek Moorage

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<b>Acreage:</b>	53	<b>Rank:</b>	High	<b>Sponsor:</b>	ADFG/ADNR	<b>Appraised Value:</b>	\$260,000
<b>Owner:</b>	Linda McLane						
<b>Location:</b>	Kasilof River Flats at confluence of Coal Creek and Kasilof River						

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**Parcel Description.** This parcel is located at the confluence of Coal Creek and the Kasilof River. It is part of the Kasilof River Flats.

**Restoration Benefits.** Public ownership of this parcel will protect fish habitat and intertidal habitat by preventing the filling of wetlands that would result from construction; enable agencies to better protect cultural resources and to manage use of the streambanks to minimize habitat degradation; and preserve opportunities for the public to continue using the area. Acquisition will also preserve the option to enhance public recreational opportunities.

Key habitats and other attributes of this parcel include the following:

- *Pink salmon and Dolly Varden* spawn in the river adjacent to the property. The Kasilof River Flats provide excellent rearing and overwintering habitat for Dolly Varden.
- *Sockeye salmon.* The Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association (CIAA) uses Coal Creek as a release site for sockeye salmon smolts, which contribute to the overall Cook Inlet commercial fishery.
- *Intertidal/subtidal organisms.* The parcel contains an extensive tidal marsh, which support various fish, birds and mammals.
- *Archaeological resources.* There is evidence of early Russian structures with features indicating this may be the site of the first Russian settlement in southcentral Alaska. There are also numerous barabaras (remnant house pits), fish pits, and two abandoned historic fox farming pens.
- *Recreation/tourism.* The parcel supports recreational use by fishers, birdwatchers and hikers.
- The parcel also supports a variety of other fish and wildlife, such as chinook and coho salmon; steelhead and rainbow trout; Canada, Tule and lesser snow geese; Sandhill cranes; and numerous other waterfowl and shorebirds. Coal Creek is an important wildlife movement corridor for black bear and moose that travel between adjacent upland areas and the Kasilof River Flats.

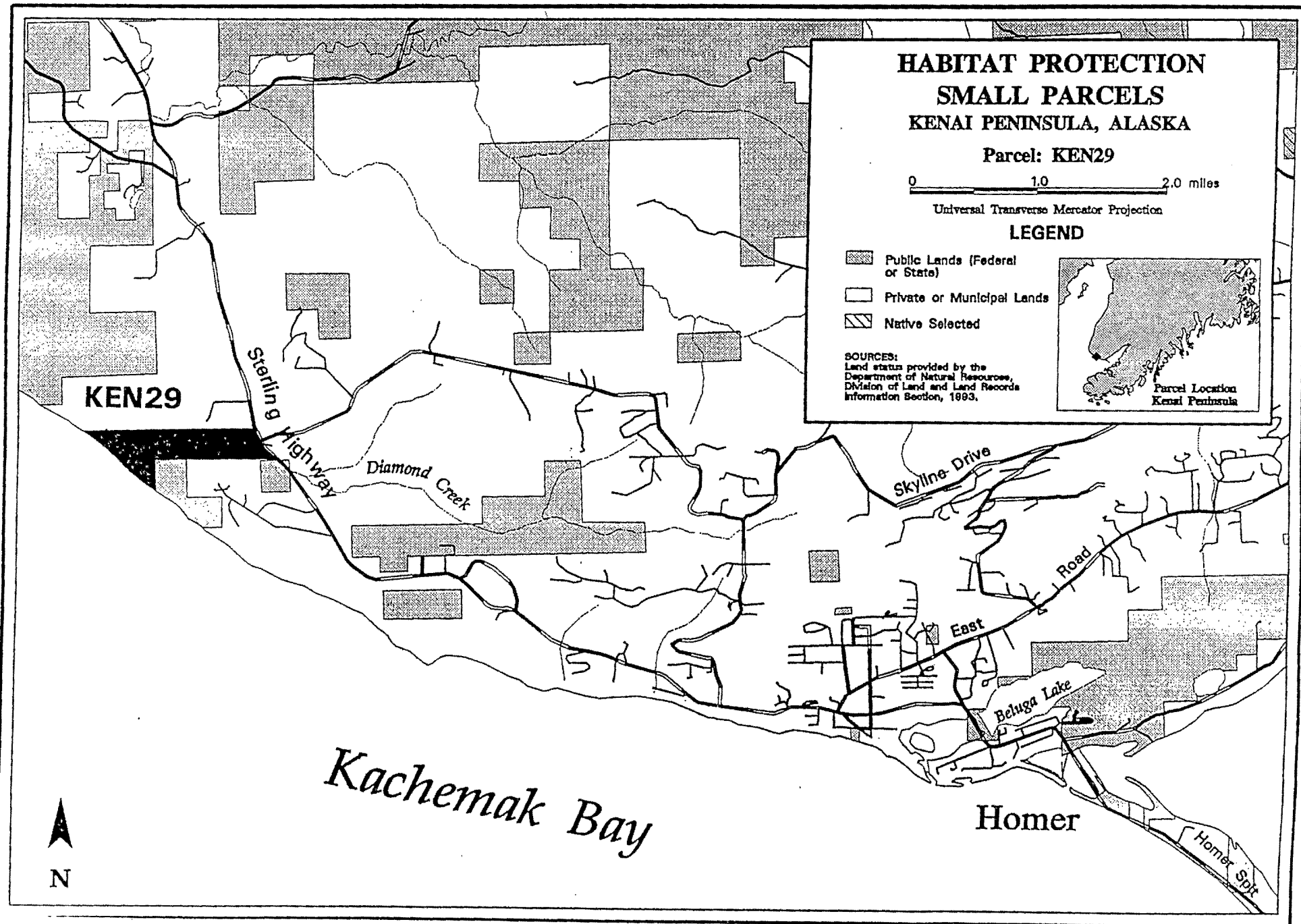
**Potential Threats.** The parcel's owners have attempted to develop a subdivision and access road that would entail filling wetlands. The landowners also have proposed installing a culvert on Coal Creek.

**Appraised Value.** The appraised value of this parcel is \$260,000. The parcel contains four lots which can be marketed independently. The highest and best use is development and sale of individual residential lots.

**Proposed Management.** This parcel will be managed to preserve and protect them in order to restore, replace, enhance, and rehabilitate natural resources injured by the spill and the services provided by those natural resources. The parcel will probably be classified "Habitat/Public Recreation Land."

**Public Comment.** Support for acquisition of this parcel was expressed by the Kenai Peninsula Borough (Resolution 93-104) and Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association.





## KEN 29: Tulin Parcel

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<b>Acreage:</b>	220	<b>Rank:</b>	PMSC	<b>Sponsor:</b>	ADNR	<b>Appraised Value:</b>	\$1,200,000
<b>Owner:</b>	Charles E. and Helen L. Tulin						
<b>Location:</b>	Between the Sterling Highway and Cook Inlet						

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**Parcel Description.** This parcel runs for approximately 1.4 miles from the Sterling Highway west to Cook Inlet where it fronts the shoreline for 3,580 feet. Most of the rest of the parcel averages about ¼ mile in length. This parcel contains and runs parallel to Diamond Creek, which is not an anadromous stream. The adjacent property to the south is a large tract of state-owned land that does not have road access to the Sterling Highway. The parcel is dominated by a mixed spruce and birch forest association

**Restoration Benefits.** Public ownership of this parcel will protect bald eagle habitat and preserve recreational opportunities by preventing further development of the subdivision on the parcel. Acquisition would also create the opportunity to enhance recreational opportunities through, for example, improving and maintaining the road for access to the beach.

Key habitats and other attributes of this parcel include the following:

- *Bald eagles* nest on the parcel.
- *Recreation/tourism.* This parcel also offers exceptional opportunities to enhance recreation. The large, wooded parcel situated on the bluff overlooking Cook Inlet would make an excellent public campground. The road would provide strategic public access to a large section of beach that is currently inaccessible. The site has spectacular views of Cook Inlet and Kachemak Bay; potable water would probably be available from on-site wells; and a small boat launching facility could probably be built on the beach.

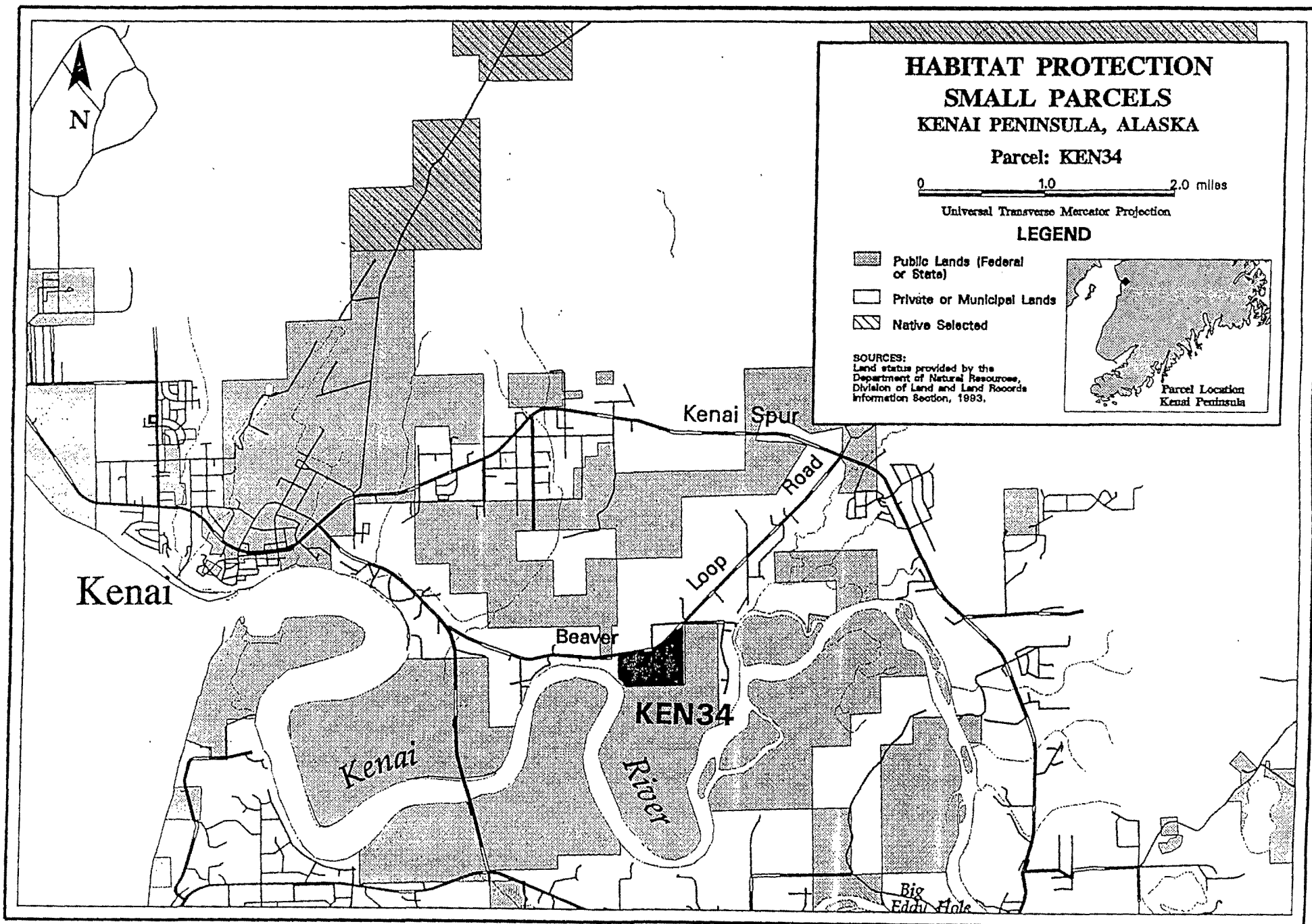
**Potential Threats.** The parcel is already subdivided and has potential for residential and commercial use. However, the only development on the parcel is an unpaved road that runs from the Sterling Highway down the bluff, and on to the beach.

**Appraised Value.** The appraised value of this parcel is \$1.2 million. The parcel is developed as a subdivision with 44 lots and 2 tracts. The lots are suitable for residential and commercial use. The highest and best use of this parcel is as developed.

**Proposed Management.** This parcel will be managed to preserve and protect them in order to restore, replace, enhance, and rehabilitate natural resources injured by the spill and the services provided by those natural resources. The parcel will probably be classified "Habitat/Public Recreation Land."

**Public Comment.** Support for acquisition of this parcel was expressed by Kachemak Bay State Park Citizens Advisory Board (Resolution 95-3) and a Homer resident whose support was contingent on turning the parcel into a campground. Two individuals opposed acquisition of this parcel. One opponent said that the road along Diamond Creek would be difficult to maintain, making road access to the beach unreliable. A member of the Public Advisory Group suggested that agencies explore a trail easement to connect the two parcels of public land separated by the Tulin parcel and consider, in the negotiations with the landowner, the tax benefits that would accrue from the donation of land.





## KEN 34: Cone Parcel

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<b>Acreage:</b> 100	<b>Rank:</b> High	<b>Sponsor:</b> ADFG/ADNR	<b>Appraised Value:</b> \$600,000
<b>Owner:</b>	Chester Cone		
<b>Location:</b>	Kenai River Flats south of Beaver Loop Road		

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**Parcel Description.** This parcel is located near the mouth of the Kenai River in an area known as the Kenai River Flats.

**Restoration Benefits.** Public ownership of this parcel will protect fish habitat, intertidal habitat, and the recreational values associated with the fish and wildlife on this parcel by preventing development on this parcel. Furthermore, at one time the City of Kenai proposed to rezone 500 acres of adjacent city-owned wetlands from a Rural Residential classification to Conservation, if the Exxon Valdez Trustee Council acquired subject property.

Key habitats and other attributes of this parcel include the following:

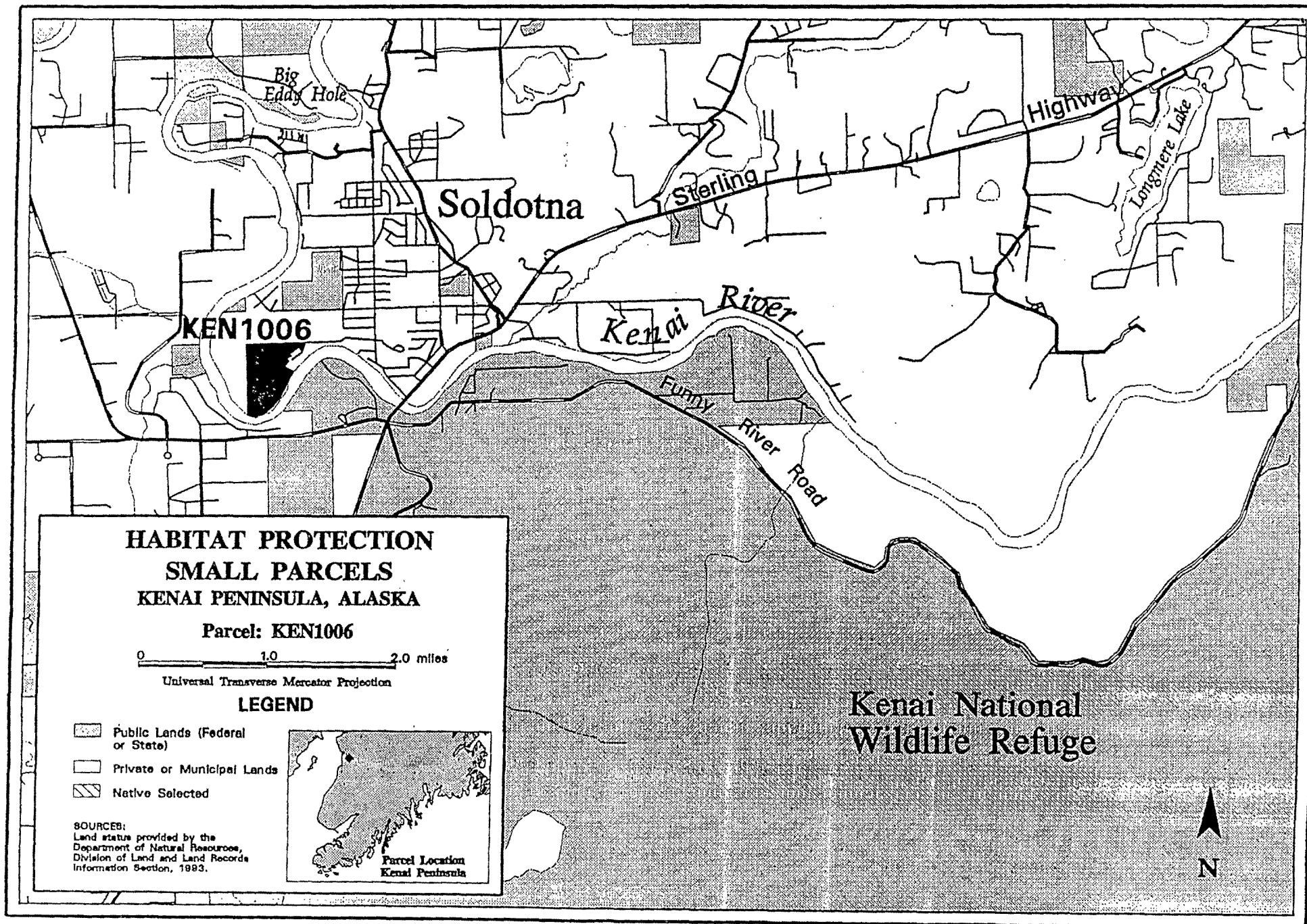
- *Intertidal/subtidal organisms.* The property receives a high intertidal score because of the extensive tidal marsh that exists on-site. The marsh and surrounding uplands are a mixture of bog meadow, grass, sedge, rose shrubs and spruce. Tidal marshes are considered unique in this evaluation because of their limited distribution and high productivity.
- *Pink salmon and Dolly Varden.* Estuarine wetlands such as those on the subject property are used by salmon smolt for cover and feeding prior to their outmigration to Cook Inlet. They also provide cover and rearing habitat for Dolly Varden.
- *Sockeye salmon* migrate and rear along the banks of the Kenai River.
- *Recreation/tourism.* High levels of recreational use are associated with the fish and wildlife values on this parcel.
- The Kenai River Flats also provide important habitat for a variety of other fish and wildlife. Hundreds of thousands of waterfowl, shorebirds and raptors use the area for nesting, feeding and staging; and eighteen species of fish have been documented in this lower reach of the river. The Kenai Lowlands Caribou Herd uses the area for calving and summer range.

**Potential Threats.** The parcel is situated on a popular drift fishing zone in the lower Kenai River. The landowner has attempted to develop the property for some years, most recently to construct a public boat launching facility, access road and parking area. So far, enabling permits have been denied.

**Appraised Value.** The appraised value of this parcel is \$600,000. The parcel is vacant land zoned residential for one to four family dwellings. Wetlands on the subject property have hindered development permitting in the past. Indications are that wetlands requirements may be relaxed. Therefore, future phased residential subdivision development is the highest and best use.

**Proposed Management.** This parcel will be managed to preserve and protect them in order to restore, replace, enhance, and rehabilitate natural resources injured by the spill and the services provided by those natural resources. The parcel will probably be classified "Habitat/Public Recreation Land."

**Public Comment.** The City of Kenai Planning and Zoning Commission supports acquisition of this parcel.



## KEN 1006: Girves Parcel

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<b>Acreage:</b>	110	<b>Rank:</b>	PMSC	<b>Sponsor:</b>	ADFG	<b>Appraised Value:</b>	\$1,835,000
<b>Owner:</b>	Irene H. Girves						
<b>Location:</b>	Near Mile 19 of the Kenai River						

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**Parcel Description.** This parcel is located near Mile 19 of the Kenai River just outside the city of Soldotna. It is across from Centennial Campground and Slikok Creek State Recreation Area

**Restoration Benefits.** Public ownership of the parcel will protect fish habitat by allowing public agencies to manage public use of the streambanks. Acquisition will also enhance recreation by providing additional public land for fishing and other recreational uses. Appropriate action would be taken to protect or restore streambank vegetation that is important fish habitat.

Key habitats and other attributes of this parcel include the following:

- *Pink salmon and Dolly Varden.* The parcel provides key habitat for chinook salmon, coho salmon, pink salmon and Dolly Varden.
- *Sockeye salmon* migrate and rear along the banks of the Kenai River.
- *Recreation/tourism.* High levels of recreational use occur by sportfishers who access the property by boat.

**Potential Threats.** Although the parcel has development potential, the primary threat to habitat results from streambank fishing. The landowner reports that significant erosion of streambanks, as much as five feet in one season, has occurred because of intensive use by river guides and tourists. She attributes the erosion to foot traffic and access by boats.

**Appraised Value.** The appraised value of the parcel is \$1,835,000. The parcel is zoned residential for one- to two-family dwellings. The site is readily developable, adjacent to public utilities and roads. Thus, the highest and best use is development of a residential subdivision or long-term holding of the parcel for future land value increases prior to subdividing.

**Proposed Management.** This parcel will be managed to preserve and protect them in order to restore, replace, enhance, and rehabilitate natural resources injured by the spill and the services provided by those natural resources. The parcel will probably be classified "Habitat/Public Recreation Land."

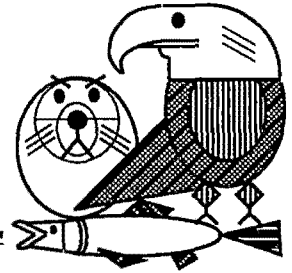
**Public Comment.** The Restoration Office has received no written comments from the public regarding this parcel.

# Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council

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June 14, 1996

Douglas Reger  
Office of History & Archaeology  
Alaska Department of Natural Resources  
3601 C Street, Suite 1278  
Anchorage, Alaska 99503-5921

RE: Project 97007A, Archaeological Index Site Monitoring  
Project 97149, Archaeological Site Stewardship

Dear ~~Dr. Reger~~ *Doug*:

I am writing to inform you of my preliminary recommendation that the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council 1) fund continuation of the current monitoring program under Project 97007A contingent on approval of a revised Detailed Project Description and budget and 2) fund continuation of Project 97149 contingent on approval of a revised budget. I have enclosed a copy of my preliminary recommendations on this project, along with a summary of the Chief Scientist's recommendations on the projects' technical merits.

With respect to Project 97007A, my preliminary recommendation is to fund continuation of the current monitoring program and defer consideration of the proposed additional monitoring on newly acquired land. Please submit a revised Detailed Project Description and budget that reflect these changes. I concur with your assessment that last year's cost estimate for FY 97 did not accurately reflect the cost of monitoring the McArthur Pass site. I have therefore increased my preliminary recommendation by \$10,000. The Restoration Office expects that the revised budget, including general administration, will be \$145,000 for FY 97, \$135,000 for FY 98 and \$145,000 for FY 99. These projections reflect the need to monitor the McArthur Pass site every other year. The revised budget should be prepared on the standard detailed budget forms and submitted to the Restoration Office, Attn: Sandra Schubert, by **July 8, 1996**. (Please submit an electronic copy of the revised Detailed Project Description. An electronic copy of the revised budget is not needed.) Enclosed is a list of items considered in staff review of project budgets. It may help you prepare a revised budget.

I appreciate your assessment of the probable extent and cost of monitoring archaeological sites on newly acquired land. The Chief Scientist recommends that

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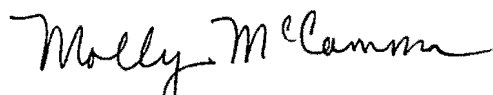
sites on newly acquired land should be visited at least once, but before I make a preliminary recommendation on the proposed expansion of the monitoring program I would like to discuss the issue with a broad spectrum of affected parties. Monitoring archaeological sites on newly acquired land affects ongoing land negotiations and agreements that led to the Alutiiq Museum. Your memorandum will serve as a useful starting point for further discussions about this issue.

With respect to Project 97149, my preliminary recommendation is to continue this pilot project at the same level as in FY 96. Please submit a revised budget that reflects this change. The Restoration Office expects that the revised budget, including general administration, will be \$66,300. The revised budget should be prepared on the standard detailed budget forms and submitted to the Restoration Office, Attn: Sandra Schubert, by **July 8, 1996**. (An electronic copy of the revised budget is not needed.) It is not necessary to revise the Detailed Project Description for this project.

My preliminary recommendations on all proposals for funding in FY 97 will be incorporated into the Draft Work Plan, which will be distributed for public comment by June 24. The Restoration Office will accept public comments through August 9. Following a review of the public comments, as well as comments from the Trustee Council's Public Advisory Group and further consideration by the Chief Scientist, I will make a final recommendation to the Trustee Council. Trustee Council action on the Work Plan is tentatively scheduled for August 28.

Thank you for your continuing interest in the *Exxon Valdez* restoration program. If you have questions about these preliminary recommendations, please call me or Carol Fries, the ADNR liaison to the Trustee Council.

Sincerely,



Molly McCammon  
Executive Director

Enclosures

cc: Carol Fries, Agency Liaison  
Dr. Robert Spies, Chief Scientist

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# PRELIMINARY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION/FY 97 WORK PLAN

Proj.No.	ProjectTitle	Proposer	Lead Agency	New or Cont'd	FY97 Request	FY97 Recommended	FY98 Rec.	FY99 Rec.	Total FY97-02 Rec.
97007A	Archaeological Index Site Monitoring	D. Reger/ADNR	ADNR	Cont'd 5th yr. 10 yr. project	\$192.2	\$145.0	\$135.0	\$145.0	\$830.0

## Abstract

Monitoring of archaeological sites on public land injured by vandalism and oiling will concentrate on a sample of index sites in the three regions of the spill. Oiled sites will be tested for reintroduced oil. The project will end in FY 99 if monitoring shows no continued injury.

## Chief Scientist's Draft Recommendation

Conceptually, this is a good project that continues to address "recovery" at injured archaeological sites. Perhaps the sites on newly-acquired lands should be looked at at least once, but any longer commitment should be assessed after those visits. This project should be funded, but possibly at a reduced level and with reallocations within the budget.

## Executive Director's Draft Recommendation

Fund continuation of the current monitoring program contingent on approval of a revised Detailed Project Description and budget. The project provides for monitoring of archaeological sites injured by vandalism and oiling. Defer decision on funding an additional four sites on Kodiak and Shuyak islands newly acquired through the Trustee Council's habitat protection program. This concept has merit, but warrants further deliberation.

# PRELIMINARY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION/FY 97 WORK PLAN

Proj.No.	ProjectTitle	Proposer	Lead Agency	New or Cont'd	FY97 Request	FY97 Recommended	FY98 Rec.	FY99 Rec.	Total FY97-02 Rec.
97149	Archaeological Site Stewardship	D. Reger/ADNR	ADNR	Cont'd 2nd yr. 3 yr. project	\$95.3	\$66.3	\$60.0	\$0.0	\$126.3
<p><u>Abstract</u></p> <p>The archaeological site stewardship program will provide training and coordination for a cadre of volunteers to monitor vandalized sites in the oil spill area beyond the ability of agency monitoring. Volunteer site stewards will protect damaged sites on the Kenai Peninsula, Kachemak Bay, Uganik Bay, Uyak Bay and the Chignik area of the Alaska Peninsula. Further protection will come from increased local awareness of harm from site vandalism.</p>			<p><u>Chief Scientist's Draft Recommendation</u></p> <p>Vandalism of archaeological sites was a serious concern in the aftermath of the oil spill. Long-term protection and restoration of injured sites will be most successful if undertaken by local people. This successful project is testing and fostering this approach, and it should be continued. Personnel budget should be scrutinized. Fund at originally proposed level.</p>			<p><u>Executive Director's Draft Recommendation</u></p> <p>Fund at the FY 96 level less project management, with funding contingent on approval of a revised budget. This is a pilot project that provides training and coordination for volunteers to monitor vandalized archaeological sites in the oil spill area. This effort is currently beyond the ability of normal agency monitoring. After FY 98, expenses will be assumed either by volunteer stewards or agency budgets.</p>			



## ITEMS CONSIDERED IN REVIEW OF FY 97 DETAILED BUDGETS

1. Level of funding authorized in FY 96 and projection, at that time, of FY 97 budget. Items budgeted for FY 96 but not implemented should not be funded again in FY 97 unless the proposer can verify that he/she will lapse the "unused" FY 96 funds. Take into account that in some cases the FY 97 projection did not include agency general administration costs.
2. Change in project's scope/direction per Trustee Council and/or Chief Scientist in FY 96 Final Work Plan or subsequent review sessions (e.g., transition to agency funding, duration, close out certain components).
3. Change in project's scope per the Chief Scientist's recommendation (i.e., elimination, revision, or addition of objectives). If a pilot project is seeking expansion, note whether there is adequate information to evaluate the pilot's success. Decisions on some projects will need to be deferred pending fall review or completion of feasibility work underway in FY 96.
4. Personal Services: Note if number of months has increased significantly over FY 96 or if number of months appears excessive, e.g. 12 mos. for a close-out and not well justified. Also note if salary appears excessive relative to scope of work and salaries typically paid agency and university employees for the type of work.
5. Project Management: No funds should be budgeted (for most continuing projects, this should be reflected in a 1 mo. reduction in personnel time).
6. Travel: Note if travel has increased significantly over FY 96 and is not well justified.
7. Annual Workshop: For PI and co-PI only, travel and per diem for 3 days -- and only if PI/co-PI not located in Anchorage.
8. Other EVOS Reviews/Workshops: Only for those PIs and co-PIs whose projects will be the subject of a fall review session (NVP, APEX, SEA, and killer whales only in FY 97) -- and only if PI/co-PI not located in Anchorage.
9. Professional Conferences: One per PI and co-PI, and with the understanding that the PI will be presenting results of his or her EVOS work or that attendance at the workshop is integral to the project -- and only if the DPD identifies the conference and the reason for attending.
10. Manuscript Preparation: Maximum \$1,000 in page costs per project and maximum 1.5 months personnel time per publication -- and only if the DPD

indicates that a manuscript will be published (i.e., appear in print) in FY 97. Note number of manuscripts for which funding support is requested.

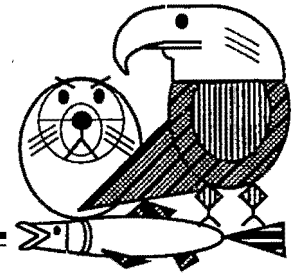
11. Report Writing: No funding on new projects unless the DPD indicates the report will be completed in FY 97 (or rolled into a non-severable contract in FY 97).
12. Equipment: Note purchases of major new equipment that are not well justified.
13. Indirect Costs: Office supplies, copying, phones, equipment maintenance and repair, vehicle leasing, software, and training are typically indirect costs. Such costs should be budgeted for separately only if they are incurred because of a specific project and documentation of the expense is maintained. The documentation must demonstrate to a financial auditor that the expense was directly attributable to the project, and was necessary and reasonable. Maintenance and operation of space (i.e., lease costs) are always an indirect cost.
14. Community Involvement: Note funds budgeted, including funds for collecting TEK (i.e., payment of sources).
15. Future Years: Note significant changes (from what was projected in the FY 96 Final Work Plan) in FY 98 and other out-year costs.
16. Other: Note additional, project-specific budget issues that may need to be addressed.

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June 14, 1996

Linda Finn Yarborough  
U.S. Forest Service Chugach National Forest  
3301 C Street, Suite 300  
Anchorage, Alaska 99503-3998

Re: Project 97007B, Site Specific Archaeological Restoration

*Linda*  
Dear Ms. Yarborough:

I am writing to inform you of my preliminary recommendation that the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council fund Project 97007B contingent on approval of a reduced budget and receipt of the final report for Project 95007B. I have enclosed a copy of my preliminary recommendation on this project, along with a summary of the Chief Scientist's recommendation on the project's technical merits.

My preliminary recommendation is for you to conduct the activities described in the proposal at the reduced cost of \$18,900. If it is necessary to alter the scope of work, acceptable adjustments would be preparation of one manuscript rather than two or presentation to fewer communities than the six proposed. Please prepare a reduced budget and, if necessary, a revised Detailed Project Description. The revised budget should be prepared on the standard detailed budget forms and submitted to the Restoration Office, Attn: Sandra Schubert, by **July 8, 1996**. (Please submit an electronic copy of the revised Detailed Project Description. An electronic copy of the revised budget is not needed.) Enclosed is a list of items considered in staff review of project budgets. It may help you prepare a revised budget.

All reports due from a principal investigator must be submitted before the investigator is authorized to use new funds. To receive final authorization for Project 97007B, the report for Project 95007B must be received.

My preliminary recommendations on all proposals for funding in FY 97 will be incorporated into the Draft Work Plan, which will be distributed for public comment by June 24. The Restoration Office will accept public comments through August 9. Following a review of the public comments, as well as comments from the Trustee Council's Public Advisory Group and further consideration by the Chief Scientist, I will

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make a final recommendation to the Trustee Council. Trustee Council action on the Work Plan is tentatively scheduled for August 28.

Thank you for your continuing interest in the *Exxon Valdez* restoration program. If you have questions about this preliminary recommendation, please call me or Dr. Dave Gibbons, the USFS liaison to the Trustee Council. In addition, please feel free to contact Martha Vlasoff, the community involvement coordinator here at the Restoration Office, if you would like assistance in arranging your community presentations.

Sincerely,



Molly McCammon  
Executive Director

Enclosures

cc: Dr. Dave Gibbons, USFS Liaison  
Dr. Robert Spies, Chief Scientist  
Martha Vlasoff, Community Involvement Coordinator

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97007B	Site Specific Archaeological Restoration	L. Yarborough/USFS	USFS	New 3rd yr. 3 yr. project	\$27.2	\$18.9	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$18.9

## Abstract

This project would provide funding for an additional phase of the Forest Service's archaeological restoration at sites SEW-440 and SEW-488. The final report on the restoration project having been completed in FY 96, this phase of the project will complete presentation of the results to the professional and general public. The Principal Investigator will prepare two professional papers for publication and one paper for presentation at a conference, and make trips to spill-area communities to present information about the project results.

## Chief Scientist's Draft Recommendation

This is an on-going and successful project to assess and extract information from archaeological sites. This project deserves continued support. Fund, but at reduced level.

## Executive Director's Draft Recommendation

Fund contingent on receipt of the final report for 95007B and approval of a reduced budget. This project will disseminate the findings of the excavations of SEW-440 and SEW-488 through peer-reviewed journal articles and presentation at a major professional conference and to community groups. These excavations provided significant insights into early occupants of Prince William Sound.

## ITEMS CONSIDERED IN REVIEW OF FY 97 DETAILED BUDGETS

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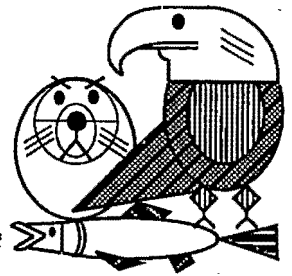
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June 14, 1996

David Scheel  
Prince William Sound Science Center  
POB 705  
Cordova, Alaska 99574-0705

RE: Project 97009D/Survey of Octopuses in Intertidal Habitats

*Dave*  
Dear Mr. Scheel:

I am writing to inform you of my preliminary recommendation that the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council fund Project 97009D contingent on approval of a revised Detailed Project Description and budget as discussed below. I have enclosed a copy of my preliminary recommendation on this project, along with a summary of the Chief Scientist's recommendation on the project's technical merits.

The revised DPD and budget should reflect the following:

- Integration of your report writing and manuscript preparation efforts, which should result in a savings of your time (and hence money). Enclosed is a memorandum describing how manuscripts can fulfill the Trustee Council's reporting requirements.
- Presentation of your survey results to communities that participated in the survey. This could be either through a plain-language written summary, a community meeting, or some other means you might identify. Please feel free to contact Martha Vlasoff, the community involvement coordinator here at the Restoration Office, if you would like assistance in developing or implementing this component of your DPD.
- Total funding not to exceed \$48,000, including the USFS general administration cost. Enclosed is a list of items considered in the staff review of project budgets, which may help you in identifying ways to reduce your budget.

The revised budget should be prepared on the standard detailed budget forms and submitted, along with your revised DPD, to the Restoration Office, Attn: Sandra Schubert, by **July 8, 1996**. (Please submit an electronic copy of the revised Detailed

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Project Description. An electronic copy of the revised budget is not needed.)

My preliminary recommendations on all proposals for funding in FY 97 will be incorporated into the Draft Work Plan, which will be distributed for public comment by June 24. The Restoration Office will accept public comments through August 9. Following a review of the public comments, as well as comments from the Trustee Council's Public Advisory Group and further consideration by the Chief Scientist, I will make a final recommendation to the Trustee Council. Trustee Council action on the Work Plan is tentatively scheduled for August 28.

Thank you for your continuing interest in the *Exxon Valdez* restoration program. If you have questions about this preliminary recommendation, please call me or Dr. Dave Gibbons, the USFS liaison to the Trustee Council.

Sincerely,



Molly McCammon  
Executive Director

Enclosures

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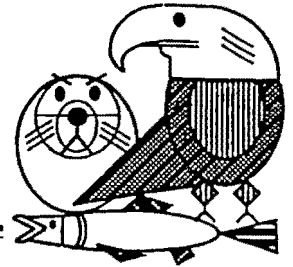
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## MEMORANDUM

To: Restoration Work Force, Liaisons, and Principal Investigators

From: Molly McCammon, Executive Director

Subj: Submission of Manuscripts to Fulfill Report Requirements

Date: March 29, 1996

The Trustee Council encourages principal investigators to publish the results of their work in peer-reviewed journals, and one way to do this is to allow manuscripts to fulfill requirements for project reports (both annual and final) to the Trustee Council. The instructions for preparation of Detailed Project Descriptions in the *Invitation to Submit Restoration Proposals for Federal Fiscal Year 1997* (Appendix A, p. 7) state: "With approval of the Chief Scientist and the Executive Director, on a project-by-project basis, the publications referenced above may satisfy a portion of the report requirements."

The Restoration Office has received requests from several PIs to submit manuscripts as reports, and the following is offered as guidance for anyone considering this option:

Reports are the primary and permanent record of how restoration funds have been used and of what has been learned or accomplished with those funds. It is therefore necessary that annual and final reports contain complete descriptions of project activities and results. With approval of the Chief Scientist and the Executive Director, on a project-by-project basis, manuscripts may satisfy a portion of the report requirements. **Project investigators should contact the Science Coordinator (Stan Senner) at the Restoration Office with such requests in advance of submitting a report.**

Every report, regardless of whether it is in standard or manuscript format, must include items A through C (Report Cover through Study History, etc.) in the *Procedures for the Preparation & Distribution of Reports* (August 1995).

If a project's activities and results can be completely described within one or more manuscripts being prepared for publication, then a copy of that manuscript(s) may be submitted as the entire body of the report.

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If a project's activities and results cannot be described completely within one or more manuscripts, the manuscript(s) may serve as a portion of the report. In such cases, **the combination of the manuscript and additional report material must present an organized, integrated, and complete account of project activities and results.** In most cases, it is anticipated that a report will be prepared in standard format (i.e., according to the procedures cited above) with **the material covered in the manuscript cited in the text of the report and the manuscript itself included as an appendix to the report.**

Such an approach will allow PIs to take advantage of the work invested in the manuscript while ensuring that annual and final reports fully address **all of the objectives** for which the Trustee Council provided funds. For example, consider a project that has five objectives, two of which are addressed in a manuscript. In this case, the report would focus on the three objectives not covered by the manuscript. The two objectives covered by the manuscript would be cited in the report as needed (e.g., in the Methods and Results sections) and substantively integrated into the Discussion section, where there should be an overall discussion of the project.

Finally, when a manuscript is submitted to the Chief Scientist as a report or part of a report, **we strongly prefer that the manuscript is submitted as a draft before it has been submitted to a journal.** In these cases, the Restoration Office will work with the Chief Scientist to ensure a rapid (e.g., less than 30 days) turn-around so that the PI will not be delayed in submitting the manuscript to the journal. This procedure will give the PI the positive benefit of EVOS peer review early in the process and minimize the chance that results published in the peer-reviewed literature are not acceptable as Trustee Council reports to the Chief Scientist and EVOS reviewers.

Manuscripts that serve as reports (or parts of reports) **must be in a form that can be duplicated with other reports in the Oil Spill Public Information Center,** as are all EVOS project reports. For this reason alone, conflicts with a journal's copyright may make submission of an already-published manuscript problematic.

The guidelines above are intended to supplement the August 1995 version of the *Procedures for the Preparation & Distribution of Report*. Until this document is revised and reissued, please attach this memorandum to your copy.

Thank you.

# PRELIMINARY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION/FY 97 WORK PLAN

Proj.No.	ProjectTitle	Proposer	Lead Agency	New or Cont'd	FY97 Request	FY97 Recommended	FY98 Rec.	FY99 Rec.	Total FY97-02 Rec.
97009D-CLO	Survey of Octopuses in Intertidal Habitats	D. Scheel/Prince William Sound Science Center	USFS	Cont'd 3rd yr. 3 yr. project	\$53.3	\$48.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$48.0
<p><u>Abstract</u></p> <p>This project addresses concerns that octopus and chiton have been depleted by EVOS and that subsistence uses are impaired. In this proposal, close-out costs are requested for FY97, the third year of the project. The first year (FY95) was to establish the feasibility of working with octopus in Prince William Sound, identify suitable study sites, and evaluate techniques. The second year (FY96) is focusing on the factors in nearshore habitats that are important to octopus, and on the turnover rates of octopus in those habitats.</p>			<p><u>Chief Scientist's Draft Recommendation</u></p> <p>This is a good project to analyze and report data on a two-year study of octopus in PWS. It has addressed the concerns of local people about the abundance of octopus and chitons and has identified octopus habitat in PWS. The PI is encouraged to integrate the report and publication efforts. Fund, but recommend reduced budget (e.g., \$45.0).</p>			<p><u>Executive Director's Draft Recommendation</u></p> <p>Fund contingent on approval of a revised Detailed Project Description and budget which (1) include presentation of survey results, through either a plain-language written summary or a community meeting, to residents of participating communities (Chenega Bay, Tatitlek, and Port Graham), and (2) integrate the final report with the publications. This project provides close-out funds for a two-year survey of octopus designed to address the concern that octopus stocks were depleted by the oil spill and that subsistence use of this resource is impaired.</p>			

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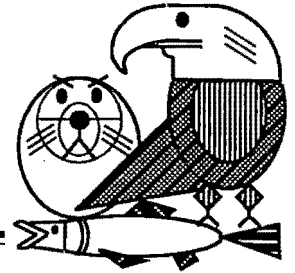
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June 14, 1996

Craig Matkin  
North Gulf Oceanic Society  
POB 15244  
Homer, Alaska 99603-6244

RE: Project 97012-BAA/Comprehensive Killer Whale Investigation in Prince William Sound

  
Dear Mr. Matkin:

I am writing to inform you of my preliminary recommendation that the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council defer a decision on funding Project 97012 until a review of the recovery status of killer whales has been completed. I have enclosed a copy of my preliminary recommendation on this project, along with a summary of the Chief Scientist's recommendation on the project's technical merits.

My preliminary recommendations on all proposals for funding in FY 97 will be incorporated into the Draft Work Plan, which will be distributed for public comment by June 24. The Restoration Office will accept public comments through August 9. Following a review of the public comments, as well as comments from the Trustee Council's Public Advisory Group and further consideration by the Chief Scientist, I will make a final recommendation to the Trustee Council. Trustee Council action on all but deferred projects is tentatively scheduled for August 28. Council action on deferred projects is expected sometime in November or December.

Thank you for your continuing interest in the *Exxon Valdez* restoration program. If you have any questions about this preliminary recommendation or the project review process, please call me or Dr. Byron Morris, the NOAA liaison to the Trustee Council.

Sincerely,

  
Molly McCammon  
Executive Director

Enclosure

cc: Dr. Byron Morris, NOAA Liaison  
Dr. Robert Spies, Chief Scientist

Heide Sickles, NOAA

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97012-BAA	Comprehensive Killer Whale Investigation in Prince William Sound	C. Matkin/North Gulf Oceanic Society	NOAA	Cont'd 5th yr. 5 yr. project	\$157.5				
<p><u>Abstract</u></p> <p>This project continues the monitoring of the damaged AB pod and other Prince William Sound killer whales that has occurred on a yearly basis since 1984. It provides further analysis of a GIS database on killer whales. When coupled with genetic and acoustic data, the analysis will evaluate recovery of killer whales, recognize changes in behavioral ecology, estimate killer whale predation on harbor seals, and estimate impacts of the harbor seal decline on the potential recovery of killer whales. Year round residency of killer whales will be assessed using a remote hydrophone system. Environmental contaminant levels in the blubber of specific whales will be determined and potential effects on recovery evaluated.</p>			<p><u>Chief Scientist's Draft Recommendation</u></p> <p>This proposal is excellent, combining well-established techniques and some innovative methods. The publication record of the principal investigator is improving. In keeping with the recommendations of the Chief Scientist in FY 96, a review of killer whale recovery is necessary before committing additional funds. Defer funding until after review in fall of 1996.</p>			<p><u>Executive Director's Draft Recommendation</u></p> <p>Defer decision on funding until a review of the recovery status of killer whales has been completed (fall 1996).</p>			

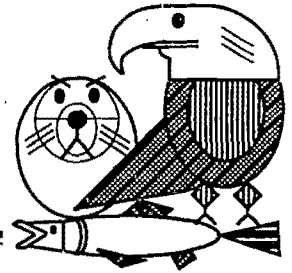


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June 14, 1996

Leslie Holland-Bartels, Ph.D.  
Alaska Fish & Wildlife Research Center  
U.S. National Biological Service  
1011 East Tudor Road  
Anchorage, Alaska 99503-6119

RE: Project 97025/Mechanisms of Impact and Potential Recovery of  
Nearshore Vertebrate Predators (NVP)

*Leslie*

Dear ~~Dr. Holland-Bartels~~:

I am writing to inform you of my preliminary recommendation that the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council fund all but the avian copredator, invertebrate predator, and sea otter publication components of Project 97025 contingent on approval of a reduced budget. I am recommending that a decision on funding the avian copredator and invertebrate predator components be deferred until data collected in FY 96 have been examined, and that a decision on funding the sea otter publication component be deferred until issues regarding the reports due on Project MM6 are resolved. I have enclosed a copy of my preliminary recommendation on this project, along with a summary of the Chief Scientist's recommendation on the project's technical merits.

My recommendation is that the project -- exclusive of the deferred components -- be funded at the level you originally projected for FY 97 (\$1,669,400). A list of possible budget reductions identified by Restoration Office staff, as well as the guidelines used in the staff review, are enclosed. These may help you prepare a revised budget. The revised budget should be prepared on the standard detailed budget forms and submitted to the Restoration Office, Attn: Sandra Schubert, by **July 8, 1996**. (An electronic copy of the revised budget is not needed.)

All reports due from NVP principal investigators must be submitted before FY 97 funding will be authorized. To receive authorization to spend on Project 97025, Steve Jewett's final report on Project 95106 (Subtidal Eelgrass) must be submitted to the Chief Scientist.

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Thank you for your continuing interest in the *Exxon Valdez* restoration program. If you have questions about this preliminary recommendation, please call me or Catherine Berg, the DOI liaison to the Trustee Council.

Sincerely,



Molly McCammon  
Executive Director

Enclosures

cc: Catherine Berg, DOI Liaison  
Dr. Joe Sullivan, ADF&G Liaison  
Dr. Byron Morris, NOAA Liaison  
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## 97025/NVP

### Possible reductions to budget

<u>2,044.8</u>	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>
<u>1,669.4</u>	<u>PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATION</u>
<u>375.4</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>

141.5	avian predation component
12.0	statistician for avian predation component, per Leslie's letter
42.6	invertebrate predator component
20.0	Ballachey's publications
30.0	equipment since Highsmith not funded, per Leslie's letter
4.1	NOAA workshop travel above that in guidelines
5.3	NOAA other travel to '96 level
7.4	UAF travel to '96 level
9.2	various publication costs (per guidelines -- no publications identified in DPD)
10.0	"project assistance" for ADFG in UAF river otter component
8.4	"project support services" in UAF river otter component
3.0	UW conference travel above that in guidelines
35.6	Coastal Resources physical facilities, insurance, and general administrative in addition to 10% indirect rate
<u>329.1</u>	<u>TOTAL PLUS ASSOCIATED INDIRECT AND GA</u>

In addition, Ballachey's time has increased by 3 months (in addition to the 3 months for manuscript preparation), a GIS specialist and 2.4 additional months of a data manager have been added to the chief scientist's component, the NOAA mussel component includes \$11,200 for "miscellaneous field trips", the UAF/Jewett and Coastal Resources components combined include 14 trips and 50 days per diem between Anchorage and San Diego, the NBS sea otter component contains \$13,300 for "Purdue travel/per diem", UW vessel charter costs (subtidal clam component) have increased from \$33,600 to \$47,600.

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97025	Mechanisms of Impact and Potential Recovery of Nearshore Vertebrate Predators (NVP)	L. Holland-Bartels, et al/NBS-DOI	DOI	Cont'd 3rd yr. 5 yr. project	\$2,044.8	\$1,669.4	\$1,669.4	\$450.0	\$3,788.8
<u>Abstract</u> The Nearshore Vertebrate Predator project (NVP) makes an integrated assessment of trophic, health, and demographic factors across a suite of apex predators injured by the spill to determine mechanisms constraining recovery and to improve knowledge of the status of recovery. Primary hypotheses are: 1) Recovery of nearshore resources injured by EVOS is limited by recruitment processes; 2) Initial and/or residual oil in benthic habitats and in or on benthic prey organisms has had a limiting effect on the recovery of benthic foraging predators; and 3) EVOS-induced changes in populations of benthic prey species have influenced the recovery of benthic foraging predators.		<u>Chief Scientist's Draft Recommendation</u> This project uses an ecosystem approach to examine recovery of injured species in the nearshore ecosystem. It was reviewed in depth at a workshop in February 1996. Requests for funding of the invertebrate and avian copredator components should be deferred until the first-year data can be examined to determine if copredation effects are significant. In addition, the request for funds to prepare pre-NVP sea otter publications should be deferred until agreement is reached regarding outstanding reports from Project MM6. Budget increases over previous projections for on-going components (i.e., not including the avian copredator component) are substantial, and these increases should be carefully reviewed and decreased if possible.		<u>Executive Director's Draft Recommendation</u> Fund all components except avian copredator (USFS \$141.5), invertebrate predator (University of Washington \$42.6), and sea otter publications (\$20.0) contingent on (1) approval of revised budget at a reduced amount and (2) submittal of the final report on Project 95106. Defer decision on funding avian and invertebrate components until FY 96 data has been examined. Defer decision on funding sea otter publications until resolution of reports due on Project MM6. In addition, the researchers conducting sea otter surveys under this project should explore ways of involving local sea otter hunters in their research/monitoring efforts (see Project 97282). In general, the nearshore ecosystem, including intertidal habitat and organisms, was the area hardest hit by the oil spill. This project monitors recovery of intertidal organisms and closely linked vertebrate predators and addresses the question of whether continuing contamination is slowing recovery of vertebrate predators.					

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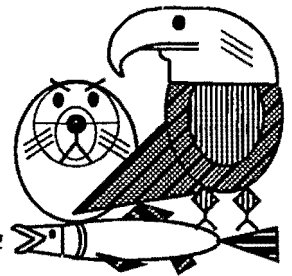
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June 14, 1996

Dan Gillikin  
Glacier Ranger District  
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POB 129  
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RE: 97043B-CLO, Monitoring of Cutthroat Trout and Dolly Varden Habitat  
Improvement Structures

Dear Mr. Gillikin:

I am writing to inform you of my preliminary recommendation that the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council fund one final year of monitoring under Project 97043B. Because FY 97 will be the last year of this project, a final report will be expected. I have enclosed a copy of my preliminary recommendation on this project, along with a summary of the Chief Scientist's recommendation on the project's technical merits.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Molly McCammon".

Molly McCammon  
Executive Director

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97043B-CLO	Monitoring of Cutthroat Trout and Dolly Varden Habitat Improvement Structures	D. Gillikin/USFS	USFS	Cont'd 2nd yr. 5 yr. project	\$24.0	\$24.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$24.0
<p><u>Abstract</u></p> <p>This project provides for monitoring of habitat improvement structures and their effects on cutthroat trout and Dolly Varden populations. These structures were installed in 1995 under Project 95043B. There has been concern raised that habitat structures may inadvertently increase coho salmon populations, and thereby increase competition stress on Dolly Varden and cutthroat trout populations. This monitoring will seek to address those questions and concerns.</p>			<p><u>Chief Scientist's Draft Recommendation</u></p> <p>FY97 funding for this project will complete this multi-year study and allow determination of the performance of habitat improvements made to restore injured fish species. Fund.</p>			<p><u>Executive Director's Draft Recommendation</u></p> <p>Fund project close-out. This project monitors the effectiveness of cutthroat trout and Dolly Varden habitat improvement structures installed in FY 95. The structures were monitored in FY 96 and should be monitored one additional year.</p>			

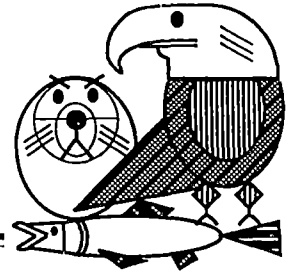


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June 14, 1996

Donald Rogers, Ph.D.  
Fisheries Research Institute  
University of Washington  
Seattle, Washington 98195

RE: Project 97048-BAA/Analysis of Historical Sockeye Salmon Growth Among  
Populations Affected by Overescapement in 1989

Dear Dr. Rogers:

I am writing to inform you of my preliminary recommendation that the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council not fund Project 97048-BAA. I have enclosed a copy of my preliminary recommendation on this project, along with a summary of the Chief Scientist's recommendation on the project's technical merits.

The Trustee Council received over \$37 million in requests for FY 97 restoration projects. The Council has tentatively decided that only \$16 million will be available this year for annual work plan projects. These budget limitations forced me to recommend against funding at this time many worthwhile projects.

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Thank you for your interest in the *Exxon Valdez* restoration program. I appreciate your proposal and encourage you to continue your involvement in the restoration process. If

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97048-BAA	Analysis of Historical Sockeye Salmon Growth Among Populations Affected by Overescapement in 1989	G. Ruggerone/Natural Resources Consultants, Inc.	NOAA	Cont'd 2nd yr. 1 yr. project	\$31.9	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0

## Abstract

Overescapement of sockeye salmon occurred in several areas of Alaska following the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill. Overescapement appears to have reduced salmon growth, leading to reduced survival in freshwater. However, the lack of information on marine survival of salmon confounds the interpretation of oil spill effects on adult sockeye returns. Research has shown that scale growth of Chignik sockeye salmon during the first and second years at sea is correlated with adult returns. This project will analyze marine growth of nine populations, including five populations affected by the oil spill, in an effort to separate freshwater and marine effects on adult returns.

## Chief Scientist's Draft Recommendation

This project is a continuation of a program that was highly rated on technical merit at its initiation and provides benefits in terms of understanding damages to sockeye salmon populations. However, this project was proposed only for a single year of funding, and any additional support should be a lower priority.

## Executive Director's Draft Recommendation

Do not fund. This project, which is synthesizing information on overescapement of sockeye salmon, was funded by the Trustee Council as a one-year project in FY 96. Although the project has worthwhile objectives, the funds requested for FY 97 are primarily to cover cost overruns experienced since the Trustee Council took action in FY 96 and should be covered by other funding sources.