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August 31, 1998

Ms. Molly McCammon
Executive Director
Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council
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We are pleased to confirm our understanding of the services we are to provide the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council, as of and for the year ended September 30, 1998. We will audit the financial statements of the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council Trust Funds as of and for the year ended September 30, 1998. Also, the document we submit to you will include the following additional information that will be subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the financial statements:

1. Schedules of Expenditures and Obligations - Budget and Actual for each federal and state trustee agency. We understand that the supplementary information to be included with the financial statements will include summary information for each federal and state trustee agency and will also include Schedules of Expenditures and Obligations - Budget and Actual for each restoration project as was done in prior year. However, our audit procedures will be extended to the individual restoration project information in order to obtain support for the summarized information.

We further understand that, with respect to the individual restoration project information, we will perform specific procedures covering those projects shaded for each agency on the attached FY 98 Project Selection Worksheet.

Our audit will be conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards; and the standards for financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and will include tests of the accounting records of the Trust Funds and other procedures we consider necessary to enable us to express an unqualified opinion that the financial statements are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, or another basis of accounting, as appropriate for each Trust Fund. If our opinion is other than unqualified, we will fully discuss the reasons with you in advance. If, for any reason, we are unable to complete the audit, we will not issue a report as a result of this engagement.

The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures. The objectives of an internal control structure are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorizations and recorded properly to permit the preparation of general purpose financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

In planning and performing our audit for the year ended September 30, 1998, we will consider the internal control structure in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council Trust Funds' financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure.

We will obtain an understanding of the design of the relevant policies and procedures and whether they have been placed in operation, and we will assess control risk. Tests of controls may be performed to test the effectiveness of certain policies and procedures that we consider relevant to preventing and detecting errors and irregularities that are material to the general purpose financial statements and to preventing and detecting misstatements resulting from illegal acts and other noncompliance matters that have a direct and material effect on the general purpose financial statements. (Tests of controls are required only if control risk is assessed below the maximum level.) Our tests, if performed, will be less in scope than would be necessary to render an opinion on the internal control structure policies and procedures and, accordingly, no opinion will be expressed.

We will inform you of any matters involving internal control structure and its operation that we consider to be reportable conditions under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the entity's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the general purpose financial statements.

Compliance with laws, regulations, and contracts applicable to the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council is the responsibility of the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council. As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, we will perform tests of the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council's and federal and state trustee agencies' compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, and contracts. However, the objective of our audit will not be to provide an opinion on overall compliance with such provisions, and we will not express such an opinion.

Our procedures will include tests of documentary evidence supporting the transactions recorded in the accounts, and will include direct confirmation of investment balances and receivables and certain other assets and liabilities by correspondence with selected individuals or organizations. At the conclusion of our audit, we will also request certain written representations from you about the financial statements and related matters.

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; therefore, our audit will involve judgment about the number of transactions to be examined and the areas to be tested. Also, we will plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. However, because of the concept of reasonable assurance and because we will not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is a risk that material errors, irregularities, or illegal acts, including fraud or defalcations, may exist and not be detected by us. Our responsibility as auditors is limited to the period covered by our audit and does not extend to matters that might arise during any later periods for which we are not engaged as auditors.

We understand that you will provide us with the basic information required for our audit and that you are responsible for the accuracy and completeness of that information. We will advise you about appropriate accounting principles and their application and will assist in the preparation of your financial statements, but the responsibility for the financial statements remains with you. This responsibility includes the maintenance of adequate records and related internal control structure policies and procedures, the selection and application of accounting principles, and the safeguarding of assets.

We understand that your employees will type all cash or other confirmations we request and will locate any invoices selected by us for testing.

Our audit is not specifically designed and cannot be relied on to disclose reportable conditions, that is, significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure. However, during the audit, if we become aware of such reportable conditions or ways that we believe management practices can be improved, we will communicate them to you in a separate letter.

We will work with you and your staff to develop an audit schedule that meets your requirements and will perform our procedures in a manner to complete the audit as you may require. If unforeseen circumstances arise which will cause us to delay the completion of the audit we will inform you at the earliest possible date. In addition, if these delays are due to matters beyond our control (including but not limited to federal furloughs, or delays in the preparation of audit information by the federal or state trustee agencies), which cause us to incur additional fees above those discussed below, we will

discuss this with you to arrive at a reasonable remuneration for these additional fees. We expect to begin and complete our audit within the timeframe that you establish.

Our fee for these services will be at our standard hourly rates plus out-of-pocket costs (such as report reproduction, typing, postage, travel, copies, telephone, etc.) except that we agree that our gross fee, including expenses, will not exceed \$50,760 (1997 hourly rate times the average Anchorage CPI for 1998 of 1.8%). Our standard hourly rates vary according to the degree of responsibility involved and the experience level of the personnel assigned to your audit. Our invoices for these fees will be rendered each month as work progresses and are payable on presentation. The above fee is based on anticipated cooperation from your personnel and the assumption that unexpected circumstances will not be encountered during the audit. If significant additional time is necessary, we will discuss it with you and arrive at a new fee estimate before we incur the additional costs.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council and believe this letter accurately summarizes the significant terms of our engagement. If you have any questions, please let us know. If you agree with the terms of our engagement as described in this letter, please sign the enclosed copy and return it to use.

Very truly yours,

Edgar, Rehtfeld & Funk

RESPONSE:

This letter correctly sets forth the understanding of the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council.

By: Molly McLamm

Title: Executive Director

Date: 9/8/98

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation

Project No.	Pers. Serv.	Travel	Cont.	Comm.	Equip.	Misc.	Sub-Total	GA	Total	FTE
98100	43.2	10.0		1.5			54.7	6.5	61.2	0.5
TOTAL	43.2	10.0	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.0	54.7	6.5	61.2	0.5

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Project No.	Pers. Serv.	Travel	Cont.	Comm.	Equip.	Misc.	Sub-Total	GA	Total	FTE
98100	987.0	134.5	549.2	19.5	10.0		1,700.2	172.3	1,872.5	13.5
98320T			523.7				523.7	23.0	546.7	
98162	22.8		436.3	32.9		1.1	493.1	24.6	517.7	5.7
98025			387.1				387.1	20.2	407.3	
98320E	244.1	3.1	20.0	14.9			282.1	38.0	320.1	4.0
98131			272.2				272.2	17.9	290.1	
98250	245.8						245.8	36.9	282.7	3.1
98064	116.4	9.8	92.9	29.4			248.5	24.0	272.5	1.6
98348			229.3				229.3	16.1	245.4	
98052A	5.3		219.3			0.1	224.7	16.1	240.8	0.1
98190			214.4				214.4	15.0	229.4	
98252	104.3	10.3	38.8	30.3	7.0		190.7	18.4	209.1	2.3
98273	66.4	7.6	42.3	38.4	2.8		157.5	12.9	170.4	1.1
98180	39.0	3.5	105.0	0.5			148.0	13.2	161.2	0.5
98320R			150.0				150.0	10.5	160.5	
98191A	97.3	3.6	34.1	5.3	2.1		142.4	17.0	159.4	1.8
98341			142.2				142.2	10.0	152.2	
98210			140.4				140.4	9.8	150.2	
98188	110.0	2.4	2.1	6.5	3.5		124.5	16.6	141.1	1.8
98196	92.8	0.8	3.0	19.5			116.1	14.1	130.2	2.3
98186-CLO	100.2		4.6				104.8	15.4	120.2	1.8
98311			111.5				111.5	7.8	119.3	0.8
98170-CLO			101.7				101.7	7.1	108.8	
98263			100.0				100.0	7.0	107.0	
98320G			99.7				99.7	7.0	106.7	
98250	92.4						92.4	13.9	106.3	1.0
98320H			99.2				99.2	6.9	106.1	
98320U			98.9				98.9	6.9	105.8	
98274	11.2	1.8	70.0				83.0	6.6	89.6	0.2
98139A2	44.0	0.6	31.0	1.4			77.0	8.8	85.8	0.9
98244	7.2	3.2	67.5	1.0			78.9	5.8	84.7	0.2
98427-CLO	60.2	1.6	5.3	1.8			68.9	9.4	78.3	1.0
98340			72.1				72.1	5.0	77.1	
98320T-SUPP			70.9				70.9	5.0	75.9	
98225			68.7				68.7	4.8	73.5	
98320Z			59.8				59.8	4.2	64.0	
98052B	10.6	1.0	45.0				56.6	4.7	61.3	0.2
98163T			54.4				54.4	3.8	58.2	
98165-CLO	28.5	5.2	6.9	10.6			51.2	4.8	56.0	0.5
98001-CLO			47.8				47.8	3.3	51.1	2.3
98325			40.6				40.6	2.8	43.4	
98166-CLO	34.6	1.0	1.1	0.3			37.0	5.3	42.3	0.5
98126	28.2	2.7	0.3	0.2			31.4	4.3	35.7	0.5
98163L	28.2	2.6					30.8	4.2	35.0	0.4
98247	2.6	6.4	4.7		0.5		14.2	0.7	14.9	0.5
98139A1-CLO	10.8	1.0					11.8	1.6	13.4	0.2
98329	9.0	1.9					10.9	1.4	12.3	0.1
98254-CLO	10.2						10.2	1.5	11.7	0.2
98127			9.8				9.8	0.7	10.5	
98256B	4.0		2.5				6.5	0.8	7.3	0.1
98327			5.5				5.5	0.4	5.9	

TOTAL	2,613.1	204.6	4,881.8	212.5	25.9	1.2	7,939.1	688.5	8,627.6	49.2
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Alaska Department of Natural Resources

Project No.	Pers. Serv.	Travel	Cont.	Comm.	Equip.	Misc.	Sub-Total	GA	Total	FTE
98100	133.2	3.0	380.0	1.5			517.7	40.1	557.8	1.5
98126	43.2	3.7	267.1	0.5			314.5	24.3	338.8	0.5
98180	45.6	3.5	192.7	0.2			242.0	20.3	262.3	0.5
98007A	55.5	9.2	12.4	2.0			79.1	9.2	88.3	0.8
98300			76.0				76.0	5.3	81.3	
98149	29.3	3.7	2.1	1			36.1	4.5	40.6	0.4
98250	21.6						21.6	3.2	24.8	0.3
98339	15.0	1.2	2.0	0.6			18.8	2.4	21.2	0.3
TOTAL	343.4	24.3	932.3	5.8	0.0	0.0	1,305.8	109.4	1,415.2	4.3

Forest Service

Project No.	Pers. Serv.	Travel	Cont.	Comm.	Equip.	Misc.	Sub-Total	GA	Total	FTE
98126	129.0	16.7	35.5	2.5			183.7	21.8	205.5	1.7
98145-CLO	64.8	2.4	40.0		1.0		108.2	12.5	120.7	2.0
98339	63.5		38.5	1.3	2.5		105.8	12.2	118.0	1.1
98256B	43.8		24.0	12.1			79.9	8.3	88.2	0.9
98100	51.6	10.0		1.5			63.1	7.7	70.8	0.5
98180			63.9				63.9	4.5	68.4	
98250	29.0						29.0	4.4	33.4	0.4
98025	22.7	2.2		0.2			25.1	3.4	28.5	0.4
98007A	13.5	5.6	4.1	1.4			24.6	2.3	26.9	0.2
98043B	15.0		3.0	3.5			21.5	2.5	24.0	0.3
98220-CLO	9.6			0.9			10.5	1.4	11.9	0.2
98346			5.0				5.0	0.4	5.4	
98302-CLO	3.6						3.6	0.5	4.1	0.1
TOTAL	446.1	36.9	214.0	23.4	3.5	0.0	723.9	81.9	805.8	7.8

Department of Interior

Fish and Wildlife Service -

Project No.	Pers. Serv.	Travel	Cont.	Comm.	Equip.	Misc.	Sub-Total	GA	Total	FTE
98163E	114.0	7.1	58.2	29.9	11.7		220.9	21.2	242.1	2.4
98126	155.8	14.4	39.9	1.5			211.6	26.2	237.8	3.1
98159	117.8	11.5	48.4	36.7	1.5		215.9	21.1	237.0	3.0
98163F	85.8	6.2	9.0	12.1	1.3		114.4	13.5	127.9	1.2
98163R	74.4	6.2	9.7	9.6	1.0		100.9	11.8	112.7	1.5
98163J	73.3	2.8	12.2	12.4			100.7	11.8	112.5	1.8
98163B	76.0	1.2	1.0	0.2			78.4	11.5	89.9	1.5
98144A	26.6	2.8	19.8	1.8	1.0		52.0	5.4	57.4	0.6
98250	34.0						34.0	5.1	39.1	0.4
98100	33.0	0.4					33.4	5.0	38.4	0.4
98149	10.8	12.3	1.3	0.2			24.6	1.7	26.3	0.3
98007A	15.0	4.3	2.8				22.1	2.4	24.5	0.3
98163K	4.5	0.5	2.5	1.2			8.7	0.9	9.6	0.1
TOTAL	821.0	69.7	204.8	105.6	16.5	0.0	1,217.6	137.5	1,355.1	16.6

Biological Resources Division -

Project No.	Pers. Serv.	Travel	Cont.	Comm.	Equip.	Misc.	Sub-Total	GA	Total	FTE
98025	262.7	39.8	620.8	67.1			990.4	64.3	1,054.7	5.1
98163M	51.9		130.0	68.9			250.8	16.9	267.7	1.7
98327			109.7				109.7	7.7	117.4	
98169	5.9	5.5	70.5	0.5			82.4	5.8	88.2	0.3
98338	10.6	1.2	36.2	3.7	0.4		52.1	4.1	56.2	0.4
98250	32.2						32.2	4.8	37.0	0.6
98306			30.7				30.7	2.1	32.8	

98163N	19.6	4.1	1.5	1.8			27.0	3.0	30.0	1.3
98163L	21.6						21.6	3.2	24.8	0.3
TOTAL	404.5	50.6	999.4	142.0	0.4	0.0	1,596.9	112.1	1,709.0	9.7

National Parks Service -

Project No.	Pers. Serv.	Travel	Cont.	Comm.	Equip.	Misc.	Sub-Total	GA	Total	FTE
98161-CLO	9.5	4.2	1.3				15.0	1.5	16.5	0.1
98126	11.8						11.8	1.8	13.6	0.2
98100	7.0	0.4					7.4	1.1	8.5	0.1
TOTAL	28.3	4.6	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	34.2	4.3	38.5	0.4

Bureau of Indian Affairs -

Project No.	Pers. Serv.	Travel	Cont.	Comm.	Equip.	Misc.	Sub-Total	GA	Total	FTE
98286			84.3				84.3	5.9	90.2	
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	84.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	84.3	5.9	90.2	0.0

Departmental - DOI

Project No.	Pers. Serv.	Travel	Cont.	Comm.	Equip.	Misc.	Sub-Total	GA	Total	FTE
98100	40.8	5.0	48.0				93.8	9.5	103.3	0.4
98126		20.0					20.0	0.0	20.0	
98250							0.0	0.0	0.0	
TOTAL	40.8	25.0	48.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	113.8	9.5	123.3	0.4

NOAA

Project No.	Pers. Serv.	Travel	Cont.	Comm.	Equip.	Misc.	Sub-Total	GA	Total	FTE
98320J			439.3				439.3	21.3	460.6	
98076	166.1	21.7	29.0	28.5			245.3	26.9	272.2	3.1
98142-BAA			251.4				251.4	17.6	269.0	
98163A		3.3	247.9				251.2	17.4	268.6	
98163G			206.8				206.8	14.5	221.3	
98330-BAA			168.0				168.0	11.8	179.8	
98320N			160.4				160.4	11.2	171.6	
98025	64.8	10.2	60.6	12.8			148.4	14.0	162.4	1.8
98163I			150.1				150.1	10.5	160.6	
98012A-BAA			144.6				144.6	10.1	154.7	
98320M			124.3				124.3	8.7	133.0	
98320I			123.8			-0.1	123.7	8.7	132.4	
98195	28.5	42.6	30.5	6.9			108.5	6.4	114.9	0.5
98347	61.3	4.1		20.0	16.0		101.4	9.2	110.6	0.9
98163S			90.2				90.2	6.3	96.5	
98297-BAA			88.0				88.0	6.2	94.2	
98100	48.0	10.0	16.0	1.5			75.5	8.3	83.8	0.5
98289-BAA			75.1				75.1	5.3	80.4	
98290	56.4	4.1	3.0	3.5			67.0	8.7	75.7	1.8
98163Q			65.2				65.2	4.6	69.8	
98325-BAA			52.8				52.8	3.7	56.5	
98250	32.0						32.0	4.8	36.8	0.3
98163L	17.6	1.6	8.7	0.5			28.4	3.2	31.6	0.3
98163C	24.1	2.2					26.3	3.6	29.9	0.4
98194-CLO	19.6	1.3	1.1				22.0	3.0	25.0	0.2
98163O			22.0				22.0	1.5	23.5	
99468-BAA			17.8				17.8	1.2	19.0	
98329	10.5			1.2			11.7	1.6	13.3	0.1
TOTAL	528.9	101.1	2,576.6	74.9	16.0	-0.1	3,297.4	250.3	3,547.7	9.9

TOTAL ALL	5,269.3	526.8	9,942.5	565.7	62.3	1.1	16,367.7	1,405.9	17,773.6	98.8
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State Agencies	2,999.7	238.9	5,814.1	219.8	25.9	1.2	9,299.6	804.4	10,104.0	54.0
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Federal	2,269.6	287.9	4,128.4	345.9	36.4	-0.1	7,068.1	601.5	7,669.6	44.8
Total	5,269.3	526.8	9,942.5	565.7	62.3	1.1	16,367.7	1,405.9	17,773.6	98.8

Total Coverage All Agencies:

Total Amount of Tested Projects	10,823.0
Total FY 98 Projects	17,773.6
Percentage Coverage	60.89%

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Claudia Slater / ADFG

FROM: Molly McCammon
Executive Director

RE: Project 98180 / Kenai Habitat Restoration and Recreation Enhancement

DATE: August 28, 1998

With the recent receipt in my office of a memorandum from Mark Kuwada (dated August 24, 1998 to Molly McCammon) on the status of the Cone and Kobylarz components of Project 98180/Kenai Habitat Restoration and Recreation Enhancement, ADFG is now authorized to proceed with work on the Cone and Kobylarz projects. The work being authorized is as described in Mr. Kuwada's memo (copy attached).

cc: Mark Kuwada, 98180 project leader

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Molly McCammon
Executive Director
Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council Restoration Office

FROM: Mark N. Kuwada *MN*
Habitat Biologist
Region II
Habitat and Restoration Division
Department of Fish and Game

DATE: August 24, 1998

SUBJECT: Project 98180 Contractual Expenditures and Authorization

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EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL
TRUSTEE COUNCIL

This is an update on the Alaska Department of Fish and Game's (ADF&G) contractual expenditures as of August 21, 1998. The FY 98 allocation for Line 300 Contractual Funding in ADF&G's portion of the Kenai River Habitat Restoration and Recreation Enhancement Project (Project 98180) is \$105,000. To date, \$46,256 has been obligated. Most of this (\$45,029) is for construction of the Centennial Park Angler Trail. The remaining \$1,226 has been applied to services such as network charges, photo processing, etc. The bid award for the Centennial Park Angler Trail Project came in at approximately \$29,500; barring unexpected charges we expect to save the Trustee Council \$15,529 -- the difference between the obligated funds and anticipated construction costs.

The ADF&G has received additional funding to conduct restoration projects on two Exxon Valdez Oil Spill (EVOS) acquired properties: Cone and Kobylarz. After monitoring natural revegetation on the Cone parcel the ADF&G, in consultation with Alaska State Parks, has decided against scarifying the remnant gravel road that leads to the property. In the absence of vehicular and foot traffic, natural revegetation appears to be progressing well. However, the gate at the head of the property was damaged during a recent search and rescue operation and needed to be rewelded. Large rock is also being placed behind the gate as a security measure to prevent future unwarranted vehicle access. The cost and placement of the rock is not expected to

exceed \$900. Funding for the Cone property restoration project was budgeted at \$15,000.

The ADF&G has also reached a tentative agreement with the City of Soldotna to remove up to 10,000 cubic yards of gravel from the Kobylarz property, at no cost. The gravel will be donated to the City in exchange for the City's assistance in removing the gravel and restoring the site. The work is expected to be completed by mid-September. Only minor expenses are anticipated (e.g. chainsaw rental, purchase of silt fence material, etc.), and all necessary permits have been obtained. It is expected this arrangement will save the EVOS Trustee Council approximately \$25,000.

Given the scope of the Cone and Kobylarz protection efforts, the department requests exemption from normal authorization procedures required of other 98180 restoration projects (e.g., letters of support from the Kenai River Management Advisory Board, detailed budgets, etc.). We are attempting to implement an efficient, cost-effective approach to restoration and expect to lapse a substantial portion of these funds back to the Trustee Council at the end of FY98.

If you have any questions, please give me a call at 267-2277.

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- ☐ No, the Restoration CD performs as expected
☐ Yes, I have difficulty using the Restoration CD
☐ I can't get the Restoration CD to work on my computer
(turn over)

5. Are the instructions that come with the CD useful and easy to understand?

- ☐ Very useful/easy to understand
☐ Somewhat useful/easy to understand
☐ Not useful/easy to understand

7. How would you describe your own level of computer expertise?

- ☐ Highly trained
☐ Moderately trained
☐ Casual user

8. Please describe the kind of use you make of the Restoration CD.

- ☐ Resource management for a public agency
☐ Private business/consulting
☐ Academic research (college or graduate)
☐ School project (K-12)
☐ General information or personal interest
☐ Other: _____

9. Please provide any additional comments:

THANK YOU. If you would like to be added to the Trustee Council Restoration Update newsletter mailing list, please check here: ☐.

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council

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August 28, 1998

Senator John Torgerson
145 Main Street Loop Ste 226
Kenai, Alaska 99611

Dear Senator Torgerson:

As I noted when we spoke briefly at the Juneau airport, the Trustee Council's Public Advisory Group (PAG) will be visiting restoration project sites on the Kenai Peninsula in mid- September. It would be great if you or a member of your staff could also join us. We are also expecting Representative Hodgins, an ex-officio member of the PAG, to be on the trip. For your reference, I have enclosed a copy of the draft itinerary.

On September 15, the PAG will visit Seward, including two small parcels purchased with civil settlement funds, the clam hatchery and the Alaska SeaLife Center where several restoration projects are being conducted. We plan to have an informal open house that evening. On September 16, the PAG will travel to Skilak Lake and then down the middle stretch of the Kenai River to view various restoration projects. We will take out at Centennial Park and travel by bus to several other projects along the lower Kenai River.

The visit to the middle river will take us past the 76-acre Patson parcel which is located east of the City of Soldotna at river mile 24.5. With 1,500 feet of linear shoreline, this parcel is currently undeveloped and was voluntarily nominated for purchase by the landowner. The acquisition would be funded with Exxon Valdez oil spill civil settlement funds. For reasons that are not clear to me, the RPL for \$450,000 to purchase the property was not approved at the recent meeting of the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee. The RPL is included for your reference. It is my understanding that the LB&A Committee may meet again at the end of September or in early October and I would welcome the chance to talk with you further regarding opportunities to have the Patson parcel RPL further considered.

I hope that your schedule will permit you to join the PAG. Please let us know if you or a member of your staff would like to join us so that we can make appropriate arrangements.

Sincerely,

Molly McCammon
Executive Director

cc: Rep. Mark Hodgins

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Public Advisory Group
Kenai Peninsula Site Visit
September 15-16, 1998

Tuesday, September 15, 1998

7:30 am	DEPART Anchorage (ERA)	
8:15 am	ARRIVE Seward	
8:30 - 10:30 am	SMALL PARCEL Site Visits (via bus from Seward airport)	
	♦ Grouse Lake (USFS)	[K Holbrook]
	♦ Lowell Point (ADNR-Parks)	[J Sinclair]
10:30 - 11:30 am	QUTEKCAK HATCHERY Project /131	[J Agosti]
11:30 - 12:30 pm	LUNCH (on your own)	
12:30 - 5:00 pm	ALASKA SEALIFE CENTER	
	♦ Pink Salmon Genome /190	[J Seeb]
	♦ Rockfish/Pollock Genetics /252	[J Seeb]
	♦ Kenai Sockeye Genetics /255	[J Seeb]
	♦ Pigeon Guillemot Research /327	[G Divoky]
	♦ Harbor Seal Health & Diet /341	[M Castellini]
	♦ River Otters & Oil /348	[M Ben-David]
5:00 - 7:30	DINNER (on your own)	
7:30 pm	OPEN HOUSE: Seward City Hall Council Chambers (tentative)	
	♦ "Alutiiq Pride: A Story of Subsistence" Film	

Wednesday, September 16, 1998

Note: Locations where the PAG would stop are indicated by italics.

7:30 am	DEPART Seward (via bus with coffee/juice/fruit/bagels)	
9:30 am - 2:00 pm	KENAI RIVER - from the river (Skilak Lake - Soldotna Bridge)	
	♦ Stephanka (KEN 1004)	
	♦ <i>Bing's Landing (Project /180) - 30 min.*</i>	[D Athons]
	♦ <i>River Ranch parcel (KEN 148) - 30 min.</i>	[D Athons]
	<i>[lunch break]</i>	
	♦ Funny River (Project /180)	
	♦ SNA parcels (KEN 1051&1052)	
	♦ Salamatof parcel (KEN 54)	
	♦ Patson parcel (KEN 1034)	
	♦ Rotary Park (Project /180)	
2:00 pm - 5:30 pm	KENAI RIVER continued - ground tour (transfer to bus)	
	♦ <i>Centennial Campground - 30 min.*</i>	[M Kuwada]
	♦ <i>Ciechanski Rec Site (Project /180) - 30 min.</i>	[M Kuwada]
	♦ <i>Kenai Dunes (Project /180) - 30 min.</i>	[M Kuwada]
5:30 pm	BUS to Kenai Airport	
6:45 pm	DEPART Kenai (ERA) - estimate	
7:15 pm	ARRIVE Anchorage - estimate	

* restrooms at this location.

**Trustee Council Projects
\$450,000 Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Settlement Funds**

Appropriation Authority: Chapter 137, SLA98, page 46, line 30

Chapter 139, SLA98, page 53, line 14

Statutory Authority: AS 37.14.405(b)

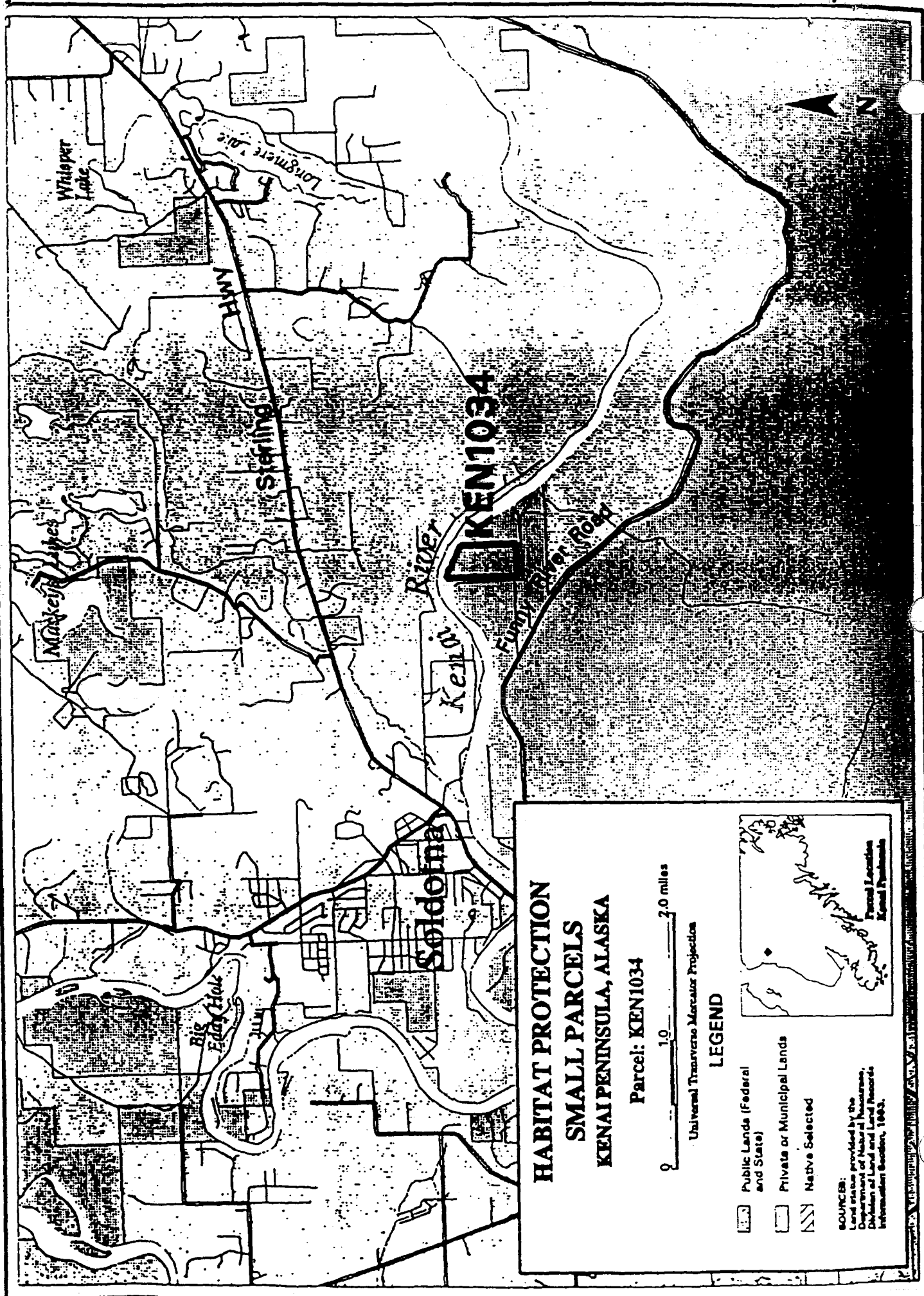
The Department of Natural Resources requests authority to receive and expend \$450,000 Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Settlement (EVOSS) Funds for acquisition of land located along the Kenai River. This would be a capital project subject to AS 37.25.020.

The property to be acquired consists of 76.33 acres including 1500 feet of linear shoreline at 24.5 mile of the Kenai River. The parcel is just outside of the City of Soldotna on the south side of the river, and approximately 2.5 miles down the Funny River Road from the intersection of the Sterling Highway. The parcel contains low overhanging grassy banks for fish rearing, extensive wetlands for maintaining water quality, and forested uplands. It provides restoration benefits for pink salmon, sockeye salmon, coho salmon, and Dolly Varden. The land would be managed to protect habitat and, as appropriate, provide for recreational opportunities.

The acquisition of land is a means of restoring resources, but also human uses dependent on those resources. The Trustee Council initiated the small parcel program in 1994. Parcels are nominated by the landowners and are evaluated according to the potential benefits that purchase would provide to the injured resources and services.

Funding was not requested in the FY99 budget since an agreement with the landowner had not been reached in time. The FY99 capital appropriation of \$820,000 EVOSS is for the acquisition of three other specified parcels.

Legislative Fiscal Analyst's recommendation:
Approval is recommended.



**HABITAT PROTECTION
SMALL PARCELS
KENAI PENINSULA, ALASKA**

Parcel: KEN1034

0 1.0 2.0 miles
Universal Transverse Mercator Projection

LEGEND

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

SOURCE:
Land status provided by the
Department of Natural Resources,
Division of Land and Land Records
Information Section, 1993.

Inset Map:
Shows the location of the Kenai Peninsula within the state of Alaska.

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Claudia Slater / ADFG

FROM: Molly McCammon
Executive Director

RE: Authorization -- Project 98263 / Assessment, Protection, and
Enhancement of Salmon Streams in Lower Cook Inlet

DATE: August 28, 1998

With recent receipt in my office of a letter from William Hauser/ADFG (dated August 26, 1998) attesting to the satisfactory completion of Phase 1 of Project 98263/Assessment, Protection, and Enhancement of Salmon Streams in Lower Cook Inlet, Phase 2 of the project is now authorized to proceed. All work must be performed consistent with the Detailed Project Description, the Draft Annual Report for Project 97263 (dated November 1997) as modified by the letter from Walter Meganack, Jr. to Molly McCammon (dated December 10, 1997), and the revised budget submitted January 27, 1998.

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August 28, 1998

Mike H. Wells, Secretary
Valdez Fish and Game Advisory Committee
c/o P.O. Box 125
Valdez, AK 99686

Dear Mr. Wells:

Thank you for taking the time to express your support for Project 99401/Spot Shrimp: A Population Dynamics Study. The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council acted on the Fiscal Year 1999 Work Plan at its meeting on August 13 and voted to defer a decision on this project until December. The reason for the delay is to allow further discussion about the most appropriate methodology and integration with ongoing efforts by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, the agency with management responsibility for spot shrimp. I am hopeful that a proposal that includes participation by the Valdez Native Tribe and fisheries managers can be developed for the Trustee Council's consideration in December.

Again, I appreciate your interest in the restoration program.

Sincerely,

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

Molly McCammon
Executive Director

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Trustee Council

THROUGH: Molly McCammon
Executive Director

FROM: Traci Cramer
Administrative Officer

DATE: August 27, 1998

RE: Financial Report as of July 31, 1998

Attached is the Statement of Revenue, Disbursements and Fees, and accompanying notes for the *Exxon Valdez* Joint Trust Fund for the period ending July 31, 1998.

The following is a summary of the information incorporated in the notes and contained on the statement.

Liquidity Account Balance	\$35,619,697	
Plus: Current Year Adjustments (Note 5)	34,630,539	
Plus: Other Adjustments (Note 6)	2,445,608	
Uncommitted Fund Balance		\$72,695,844
Plus: Future Exxon Payments (Note 1)	\$210,000,000	
Less: Remaining Reimbursements (Note 3)	11,250,000	
Less: Remaining Commitments (Note 7)	<u>40,305,734</u>	
Total Estimated Funds Available		\$231,140,110
Restoration Reserve (Note 8)		\$66,558,716

If you have any questions regarding the information provided please do not hesitate to give me a call at 586-7238.

Attachments

cc: Agency Liaisons
Bob Baldauf

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NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF REVENUE, DISBURSEMENTS AND FEES
FOR THE *EXXON VALDEZ* JOINT TRUST FUND
As of July 31, 1998

1. Contributions - Pursuant to the agreement Exxon is to pay a total of \$900,000,000.

Received to Date	\$620,000,000
Current Year	\$70,000,000
Future Payments	\$210,000,000

2. Interest Income - In accordance with the MOA, the funds are deposited in the United States District Court, Court Registry Investment System (CRIS). All deposits with CRIS are maintained in United States government treasury securities with maturities of 100 days or less. Total earned since the last report is \$118,062.
3. Reimbursement of Past Costs - Under the terms of the agreement, the United States and the State are reimbursed for expenses associated with the spill. The remaining reimbursements represent that amount due the State of Alaska.
4. Fees - CRIS charges a fee of 7.5% for cash management services. Total paid since the last report is \$8,855.
5. Current Year Adjustments – Includes the current year payment (less reimbursements), the transfer of \$12,000,000 (plus interest of \$550,000) into the Restoration Reserve and the following land payments.

<u>Seller</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Due</u>
Koniag, Incorporated	\$4,500,000	September 1998
Shuyak	\$4,000,000	October 1998
Tatitlek	\$10,569,461	October 1998

6. Other Adjustments - Under terms of the Agreement, both interest earned on previous disbursements and prior years unobligated funding or lapse are deducted from future court requests. Unreported interest and lapse is summarized below.

	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Lapse</u>
United States	\$300,800	\$749,011
State of Alaska	\$1,088,190	\$307,607

7. Remaining Commitments - Includes the following land payments.

<u>Seller</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Due</u>
Shuyak	\$12,000,000	October 1999 through 2001
Shuyak	\$11,805,734	October 2002
Koniag, Incorporated	\$16,500,000	September 2002

8. Restoration Reserve – Pursuant to Trustee Council action, the amount reported includes funds previously transferred, plus accrued interest less fees (\$53,539,090). Also included is the \$12,000,000 transfer approved for Fiscal Year 1998, plus \$550,000 in interest accrued since September 15, 1997, although the 1998 payment has not been formally transferred from the Liquidity Account to the Restoration Reserve.

STATEMENT OF REVENUE, DISBURSEMENT, AND FEES
EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL JOINT TRUST FUND
As of July 31, 1998

	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>To Date</u> <u>1998</u>	<u>Cumulative</u> <u>Total</u>
REVENUE:					
Contributions: (Note 1)					
Contributions from Exxon Corporation	70,000,000	70,000,000	70,000,000	0	620,000,000
Less: Credit to Exxon Corporation for clean-up costs incurred					(39,913,688)
Total Contributions	<u>70,000,000</u>	<u>70,000,000</u>	<u>70,000,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>580,086,312</u>
Interest Income: (Note 2)					
Exxon Corporation escrow account					831,233
Joint Trust Fund Account	<u>5,706,667</u>	<u>3,963,073</u>	<u>2,971,070</u>	<u>2,207,452</u>	<u>20,558,262</u>
Total Interest	<u>5,706,667</u>	<u>3,963,073</u>	<u>2,971,070</u>	<u>2,207,452</u>	<u>21,389,495</u>
Total Revenue	<u>75,706,667</u>	<u>73,963,073</u>	<u>72,971,070</u>	<u>2,207,452</u>	<u>601,475,807</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:					
Reimbursement of Past Costs: (Note 3)					
State of Alaska		3,291,446	5,000,000	0	91,559,288
United States	<u>2,697,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>69,812,045</u>
Total Reimbursements	<u>2,697,000</u>	<u>3,291,446</u>	<u>5,000,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>161,371,333</u>
Disbursements from Liquidity Account:					
State of Alaska	41,969,669	43,340,950	17,846,130	1,639,900	174,431,228
United States	<u>48,019,928</u>	<u>31,047,824</u>	<u>60,101,802</u>	<u>19,059,500</u>	<u>179,663,822</u>
Transfer to the Restoration Reserve		<u>35,996,231</u>	<u>12,449,552</u>		<u>48,445,783</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>89,989,597</u>	<u>110,385,004</u>	<u>90,397,484</u>	<u>20,699,400</u>	<u>402,540,833</u>
FEES:					
U.S. Court Fees (Note 4)	586,857	396,307	254,221	165,559	1,943,944
Total Disbursements and Fees	<u>93,273,454</u>	<u>114,072,758</u>	<u>95,651,705</u>	<u>20,864,959</u>	<u>565,856,110</u>
Increase (decrease) in Liquidity Account	<u>(17,566,788)</u>	<u>(40,109,685)</u>	<u>(22,680,635)</u>	<u>(18,657,507)</u>	<u>35,619,697</u>
Liquidity Account Balance, beginning balance	134,634,311	117,067,523	76,957,839	54,277,204	
Liquidity Account Balance, end of period	117,067,523	76,957,839	54,277,204	35,619,697	
Current Year Adjustments: (Note 5)					34,630,539
Other Adjustments: (Note 6)					2,445,608
Uncommitted Liquidity Account Balance					<u>72,695,844</u>
Future Exxon Payments (Note 1)					210,000,000
Remaining Reimbursements (Note 3)					(11,250,000)
Remaining Commitments: (Note 7)					(40,305,734)
Total Estimated Funds Available					<u>231,140,110</u>
Restoration Reserve					66,558,716

Statement 1

**Statement of Exxon Valdez Settlement Funds
As of July 31, 1998**

Beginning Balance of Settlement	900,000,000
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Receipts:

Interest Earned on Exxon Escrow Account	337,111
Net Interest Earned on Joint Trust Fund (Note 1)	18,614,318
Interest Earned on United States and State of Alaska Accounts	6,736,602

Total Interest	<u>25,688,030</u>
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Disbursements:

Reimbursements to United States and State of Alaska	161,371,333
Exxon clean up cost deduction	39,913,688
Joint Trust Fund deposits	419,546,212

Total Disbursements	<u>620,831,233</u>
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Funds Available:

Exxon Future Payments	210,000,000
Current Year Payment	70,000,000
Balance in Liquidity Account	35,619,697
Future acquisition payments (Note 2)	(59,376,627)
Alaska Sealife Center	0
Remaining Reimbursements	(15,000,000)
Other (Note 3)	2,445,608

Total Estimated Funds Available	<u>243,688,678</u>
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Restoration Reserve	66,558,716
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Note 1: Gross interest earned less District Court registry fees.

Note 2: Includes both current year and future year payments

Note 3: Adjustment for unreported interest earned and lapse

Footnote:

Included in the Total Estimated Funds Available is the \$12,000,000 (plus \$550,000 of accrued interest) payment to the Restoration Reserve for Fiscal Year 1998.

Statement 2
Cash Flow Statement
Exxon Valdez Liquidity Account
As of July 31, 1998

Receipts:

Exxon payments

December 1991	36,837,111	
December 1992	56,586,312	
September 1993	68,382,835	
September 1994	58,728,400	
September 1995	67,303,000	
September 1996	66,708,554	
September 1997	65,000,000	

Total Deposits	419,546,212	419,546,212
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Interest Earned	20,558,262	
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Total Interest	20,558,262	20,558,262
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Total Receipts		440,104,474
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Disbursements:

Court Requests

Fiscal Year 1992	12,879,700
Fiscal Year 1993	27,634,994
Fiscal Year 1994	50,554,653
Fiscal Year 1995	89,989,597
Fiscal Year 1996	74,388,774
Fiscal Year 1997	77,947,932
Fiscal Year 1998	20,699,400

Total Requests	354,095,050	354,095,050
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District Court Fees	1,943,944	1,943,944
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Transfer to the Restoration Reserve		48,445,783
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Total Disbursements		404,484,777
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Balance in Joint Trust Fund		35,619,697
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Footnote:

A total of \$48,445,783 has been disbursed from the Liquidity Account to the Restoration Reserve. Of the total, \$48,445,663 was used to purchase laddered securities. The remaining \$130 represents costs paid to the Federal Reserve Bank.

**Schedule of Payments from Exxon
As of July 31, 1998**

Disbursements:	December 91	December 92	September 93	September 94	September 95	September 96	September 97	Total
Reimbursements:								
United States								
FFY92	24,726,280	0	0					24,726,280
FFY93	0	24,500,000	11,617,165					36,117,165
FFY94	0	0	0	6,271,600				6,271,600
FFY95	0	0	0		2,697,000			2,697,000
Total United States	24,726,280	24,500,000	11,617,165	6,271,600	2,697,000	0	0	69,812,045
State of Alaska								
General Fund:								
FFY92	25,313,756	0	0					25,313,756
FFY93	0	16,685,133	0					16,685,133
FFY94	0	0	14,762,703					14,762,703
FFY95	0	0	0	0				0
Mitigation Account:								
FFY92	3,954,086	0	0					3,954,086
FFY93	0	12,314,867	0					12,314,867
FFY94	0	0	5,237,297	5,000,000				10,237,297
FFY95 (Prevention Account)	0	0	0		0			0
FFY96 (Prevention Account)						3,291,446		3,291,446
FFY97 (Prevention Account)							5,000,000	5,000,000
Total State of Alaska	29,267,842	29,000,000	20,000,000	5,000,000	0	3,291,446	5,000,000	91,559,288
Total Reimbursements	53,994,122	53,500,000	31,617,165	11,271,600	2,697,000	3,291,446	5,000,000	161,371,333

Deposits to Joint Trust Fund

FFY92	36,837,111	0	0					36,837,111
FFY93	0	56,586,312	68,382,835					124,969,147
FFY94	0	0	0					0
FFY95	0	0	0	58,728,400	67,303,000			126,031,400
FFY96						66,708,554		66,708,554
FFY97							65,000,000	65,000,000

Total Deposits to Joint Trust Fund	36,837,111	56,586,312	68,382,835	58,728,400	67,303,000	66,708,554	65,000,000	419,546,212
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Exxon clean up cost deduction	0	39,913,688	0	0	0	0	0	39,913,688
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Total Payments	90,831,233	150,000,000	100,000,000	70,000,000	70,000,000	70,000,000	70,000,000	620,831,233
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Remaining Exxon payments to be made:

September 1998	70,000,000
September 1999	70,000,000
September 2000	70,000,000
September 2001	70,000,000
	<u>280,000,000</u>

The December 1991 payment includes interest accrued on the escrow account. The actual disbursements without interest was \$24.5 million to the United States, \$29 million to the State of Alaska and \$36.5 million to the Joint Trust Fund. The total interest earned on the escrow account was \$831,233 which was disbursed proportionately. This included \$226,280 to the United States, \$267,842 to the State of Alaska and \$337,111 to the Joint Trust Fund.

The September 1994 reimbursement to the United States included an over-payment of \$80,700 to NOAA. This over-payment is a direct result of final costs for damage assessment activities being lower than what was previously estimated. The funds were returned to the Joint Account by reducing the amount transferred to the United States in Court Request number 15.

Schedule of Disbursements
Exxon Valdez Liquidity Account
As of July 31, 1998

	United States	State of Alaska	Court Request Total	Court Fees	Disbursements Total
Court Request 1	6,320,500	6,559,200	12,879,700		
Total Fiscal Year 1992	6,320,500	6,559,200	12,879,700	23,000	12,902,700
Court Request 2	3,074,029	3,493,225	6,567,254		
Court Request 3	6,031,852	15,035,888	21,067,740		
Total Fiscal Year 1993	9,105,881	18,529,113	27,634,994	154,000	27,788,994
Court Request 4		29,950,000	29,950,000		
Court Request 5	2,516,069	2,227,856	4,743,925		
Court Request 6	1,407,818	12,211,164	13,618,982		
Court Request 7	2,084,500	157,246	2,241,746		
Total Fiscal Year 1994	6,008,387	44,546,266	50,554,653	364,000	50,918,653
Court Request 8	3,576,179	7,088,077	10,664,256		
Court Request 9		3,111,204	3,111,204		
Court Request 10	322,618	9,234,909	12,461,091		
Court Request 11	1,450,000		1,450,000		
Court Request 12	17,200,000		17,200,000		
Court Request 13	1,480,251	171,763	1,652,014		
Court Request 14	15,250,000		15,250,000		
Court Request 15	5,837,316	9,863,716	15,701,032		
Court Request 16		12,500,000	12,500,000		
Total Fiscal Year 1995	48,019,928	41,969,669	89,989,597	586,857	90,576,454
Court Request 17		3,294,667	3,294,667		
Court Request 18	8,000,000		8,000,000		
Court Request 19	3,222,224	1,968,898	5,191,122		
Restoration Reserve Transfer			35,996,231		
Court Request 20		8,000,000	8,000,000		
Court Request 21	1,007,000	5,520,500	6,527,500		
Court Request 22	18,818,600	24,556,885	43,375,485		
Total Fiscal Year 1996	31,047,824	43,340,950	110,385,004	396,307	110,781,312
Court Request 23	2,613,500	0	2,613,500		
Court Request 24	176,500	3,075,625	3,252,125		
Court Request 25	785,859	442,833	1,228,692		
Court Request 26	24,154,000	530,000	24,684,000		
Court Request 27	324,700	1,470,900	1,795,600		
Restoration Reserve Transfer			12,449,552		
Court Request 28	0	2,627,000	2,627,000		
Court Request 29	5,919,169	5,699,772	11,618,941		
Court Request 30	26,128,074	4,000,000	30,128,074		
Total Fiscal Year 1997	60,101,802	17,846,130	90,397,484	254,221	90,651,705
Court Request 31	445,200	643,800	1,089,000		
Court Request 32	464,300	996,100	1,460,400		
Court Request 33	14,150,000		14,150,000		
Court Request 34	4,000,000		4,000,000		
Restoration Reserve Transfer			0		
Total Fiscal Year 1998	19,059,500	1,639,900	20,699,400	165,559	20,864,959
Total	179,663,822	174,431,228	402,540,833	1,943,944	404,484,777

Exxon Valdez Liquidity Account
Interest Earned/District Court Registry Fees
As of July 31, 1998

	FFY 1992	FFY 1993	FFY 1994	FFY 1995	FFY 1996	FFY 1997	FFY 1998	Total
Earnings Deposits	17,683	31,124	33,476	55,809				138,092
								0
Earnings Allocated:								0
1991	28,704							28,704
1992	526,613	553,697						1,080,309
1993		639,180	1,461,736					2,100,915
1994			1,876,788	1,402,938				3,279,726
1995				3,661,063	1,202,209			4,863,272
1996					2,364,556	810,894		3,175,451
1997						1,905,955	653,461	2,559,416
1998							1,388,432	1,388,432
Total	555,317	1,192,876	3,338,524	5,064,001	3,566,766	2,716,849	2,041,893	18,476,226
Total Earnings	573,000	1,224,000	3,372,000	5,119,809	3,566,766	2,716,849	2,041,893	18,614,318
Registry Fees:								
1991	3,189							3,189
1992	19,811	100,223						120,034
1993		53,777	179,658					233,435
1994			184,342	180,072				364,414
1995				406,785	133,579			540,364
1996					262,729	90,099		352,828
1997						164,121	52,983	217,105
1998							112,576	112,576
Total	23,000	154,000	364,000	586,857	396,307	254,221	165,559	1,943,944
Gross Earnings	596,000	1,378,000	3,736,000	5,706,667	3,963,073	2,971,070	2,207,452	20,558,262

Schedule of Interest Earned on United States and State of Alaska Accounts As of July 31, 1998			
	State of Alaska EVOSS Account	United States NRDA& R	Total
October 1994	44,291		44,291
November 1994	63,286		63,286
December 1994	67,496	3,849	71,346
January 1995	89,341		89,341
February 1995	100,714		100,714
March 1995	104,570	17,033	121,603
April 1995	95,432		95,432
May 1995	92,595		92,595
June 1995	80,613	50,042	130,655
July 1995	76,424		76,424
August 1995	68,771		68,771
September 1995	59,945	44,826	104,771
October 1995	133,486		133,486
November 1995	154,119		154,119
December 1995	143,917	39,567	183,484
January 1996	134,300		134,300
February 1996	122,348		122,348
March 1996	132,469	64,381	196,850
April 1996	126,550		126,550
May 1996	136,732		136,732
June 1996	145,501	73,267	218,768
July 1996	128,195		128,195
August 1996	106,079		106,079
September 1996	110,890	29,042	139,933
October 1996	181,598		181,598
November 1996	162,806		162,806
December 1996	153,991	71,093	225,084
January 1997	147,934		147,934
February 1997	125,137		125,137
March 1997	131,457	24,374	155,831
April 1997	122,111		122,111
May 1997	114,954		114,954
June 1997	99,811	368,523	468,334
July 1997	221,906		221,906
August 1997	36,898		36,898
September 1997	159,695	38,289	197,984
October 1997	119,195		119,195
November 1997	49,120		49,120
December 1997	92,204	130,183	222,387
January 1998	120,038		120,038
February 1998	29,888		29,888
March 1998	59,202	76,715	135,917
April 1998	55,222		55,222
May 1998	59,406		59,406
June 1998	50,136	74,613	124,749
July 1998	39,376		39,376
Total	5,445,237	1,291,365	6,736,602
NOTE: The \$117,178 NRDA&R interest figure is cumulative.			
Interest was earned for the period July 1992 through September 1994, but the specific amounts have been hidden to allow the spreadsheet to print on one page.			

Schedule of Interest Adjustments to the Court Requests

As of July 31, 1998

	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Total	Unallocated
United States													
FFY92												2	Baldauf 12/6/96
FFY93			39,871						3,648			43,519	
FFY94			51,231						22,427			73,658	
FFY95	34,621		37,618			3,849					63,226	139,314	
FFY96				48,676				37,100		26,600	109,666	222,042	
FFY97			29,041								463,989	493,030	
FFY98										19,000		19,000	
Total United States												990,565	300,800
State of Alaska													
FFY92												0	
FFY93			80,775						35,012			115,787	
FFY94			64,944						239,090			304,034	
FFY95	52,823	117,838	44,291			320,837					449,634	985,423	
FFY96				262,202				300		289,400	934,433	1,486,335	
FFY97				398,567		275,700					782,501	1,456,768	
FFY98										8,700		8,700	
Total State of Alaska												4,357,047	1,088,190
Total Adjustment												5,347,612	1,388,990
Footnote: The unallocated interest is tied to the INT Acct. sheet.													

**Schedule of Lapse Adjustments to the Court Requests
As of July 31, 1998**

	December 1993	June 1994	August 1995	August 1996	August 1997	July 1998	Total
Disbursements:							
Court Requests							
United States							
FFY92							0
FFY93							0
FFY94		3,106,555					3,106,555
FFY95			220,858				220,858
FFY96				1,165,334			1,165,334
FFY97					1,102,442		1,102,442
FFY98						19,000	19,000
Total United States	0	3,106,555	220,858	1,165,334	1,102,442	19,000	5,614,189
State of Alaska							
FFY92							0
FFY93							0
FFY94	3,661,600						3,661,600
FFY95			2,376,950				2,376,950
FFY96				2,500,448			2,500,448
FFY97					3,549,927		3,549,927
FFY98						8,700	8,700
Total State of Alaska	3,661,600	0	2,376,950	2,500,448	3,549,927	8,700	12,097,625
Total Adjustment	3,661,600	3,106,555	2,597,808	3,665,782	4,652,369	27,700	17,711,814

Schedule of Work Plan Authorizations and Other Authorizations

Work Plan Authorizations United States:

	FFY 92	FFY 93	FFY 94	FFY 95	FFY 96	FFY 97	FFY 98	Total
June 15, 1992	6,320,500	0	0					
January 25, 1993	0	3,113,900	0					
January 25, 1993	0	6,035,500	0					
November 10, 1993	0	0	0					
November 30, 1993	0	0	2,567,300					
June 1994			4,536,800					
June 1994			84,500					
July 1994			1,500,000					
Carry Forward Authorization				463,500				
August 1994				2,110,800				
November 1994				2,514,200				
December 1994				749,600				
March 1995				1,484,100				
August 1995				(36,700)	6,238,800			
December 1995					3,270,900			
January 1996					150,000			
April 1996					478,000			
May 1996				21,900	15,200			
June 1996					23,000			
August 1996						7,923,700		
December 1996						310,900		
February 1997						0		
May 1997						0		
August 1997						85,000	7,263,600	
December 1997							445,200	
June 1998							19,000	
Total	6,320,500	9,149,400	8,688,600	7,307,400	10,175,900	8,319,600	7,727,800	57,689,200

Schedule of Work Plan Authorizations and Other Authorizations

Work Plan Authorizations State of Alaska

	FFY 92	FFY 93	FFY 94	FFY 95	FFY 96	FFY 97	FFY 98	Total
June 15, 1992	6,559,200	0	0					
January 25, 1993	0	3,574,000	0					
January 25, 1993	0	7,570,900	0					
November 30, 1993	0	0	4,454,400					
June 1994			12,391,700					
June 1994			215,800					
July 1994			0					
Carry Forward Authorization				576,300				
August 1994				7,140,900				
November 1994				9,098,700				
December 1994				180,500				
March 1995				492,600				
August 1995				36,700	12,653,600			
December 1995					2,231,100			
April 1996					500,000			
May 1996					300			
June 1996					0			
August 1996						11,606,300		
December 1996						310,400		
February 1997						275,700		
May 1997						0		
August 1997						(85,000)	9,393,200	
December 1997							643,800	
June 1998							8,700	
Total	6,559,200	11,144,900	17,061,900	17,525,700	15,385,000	12,107,400	10,045,700	89,829,800

Schedule of Work Plan Authorizations and Other Authorizations

	FFY 92	FFY 93	FFY 94	FFY 95	FFY 96	FFY 97	FFY 98	Total
Other Authorizations								
United States:								
Orca Narrows (6/94)			2,000,000	1,450,000				3,450,000
Eyak Limited Conservation Easement				200,000				200,000
Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge (3/95, 9/95 AKI)				21,000,000	7,500,000	7,500,000		36,000,000
Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge (3/95, 9/95 Old Harbor)				11,250,000				11,250,000
Koniag					12,500,000	4,500,000		17,000,000
Small Parcels					379,000	3,740,200	4,464,300	8,583,500
Chenega Land Acquisition						24,000,000		24,000,000
Chenega-Area Oiling Reduction					3,600	157,400	182,000	343,000
Tatitlek							14,150,000	
English Bay						14,128,074		14,128,074
Total			2,000,000	33,900,000	20,382,600	54,025,674	18,796,300	114,954,574
State of Alaska:								
Kachemak Bay State Park (1/95)		7,500,000						7,500,000
Alutiiq Repository (11/93)		1,500,000						1,500,000
Seal Bay (11/93, 11/94, 11/95, 11/96)			29,950,000	3,229,042	3,294,667	3,075,625		39,549,334
Shuyak (3/96, 10/96 - 10/02)					8,000,000	2,194,266	4,000,000	14,194,266
Small Parcels					5,020,500	3,738,000	996,100	9,754,600
Alaska SeaLife Center				12,500,000	12,456,000			24,956,000
Chenega-Area Oiling Reduction					0	1,732,000		1,732,000
Alaska SeaLife Center Fish Pass						545,600		545,600
Alaska SeaLife Center Equipment						724,000		724,000
Sound Waste Management Plan						1,167,900		1,167,900
Total		9,000,000	29,950,000	15,729,042	28,771,167	13,177,391	4,996,100	101,623,700
Total Other Authorizations	0	9,000,000	31,950,000	49,629,042	49,153,767	67,203,065	23,792,400	216,578,274
Total Work Plan Authorizations	12,879,700	20,294,300	25,750,500	24,833,100	25,560,900	20,427,000	17,773,500	147,519,000
Restoration Reserve					35,996,231	12,449,552	0	48,445,783
Total Authorized	12,879,700	29,294,300	57,700,500	74,462,142	110,710,897	100,079,617	41,565,900	412,543,057

Footnotes:

Work Plan Authorization and Land/Capital Acquisitions only. Will not balance to the Schedule of Disbursements from the Joint Trust Fund or the court requests due to deductions for interest and lapse.

This schedule does tie to the quarterly reports with the exception of 93' and 92'. In FY93 the Work Plan represented the transition to the Federal Fiscal Year from the Oil Year or a seven month period. This schedule presents authorization on the Federal Fiscal Year and as such FFY92 and FFY93 does not balance.

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Sharon Kent, NOAA

FROM: Veronica Christman *VC*

DATE: August 27, 1998

SUBJ: FY 99 Broad Agency Announcement 52ABNF-8-00034

On August 13, 1998, the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council approved the FY 99 Work Plan. The table below summarizes the Council's action with respect to proposals submitted under the Broad Agency Announcement (BAA). A total of 28 projects were submitted under the BAA. The Council approved 10 of these projects, deferred until December 1998 action on 3 additional projects, and disapproved 13 projects. Project 99441 was submitted as a BAA, but will be executed through a contract with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. Project 99298 was submitted as a BAA, but did not meet the threshold criteria. Enclosed are copies of the letters sent to proposers informing them of the Council's action. Attached to each letter is an excerpt from the Council's decision document. Please let me know if you need additional information.

APPROVED PROJECTS		DEFERRED UNTIL 12/98		DISAPPROVED PROJECTS
Project No.	Funding	Project No.	Funding	
99012A-BAA	\$85,400	99289-BAA	\$232,600	99223-BAA
99163G-BAA	\$179,100	99360-BAA	\$194,400	99287-BAA
99163I-BAA	\$98,800	99393-BAA	\$125,000	99361-BAA
99163Q-BAA	\$72,200			99402-BAA
99163S-BAA	\$116,800			99408-BAA
99320N-BAA	\$51,100			99431-BAA
(initially 99439)				99435-BAA
99320Z(2)-BAA	\$69,600			99436-BAA
99325-BAA	\$41,100			99438-BAA
99330-BAA	\$149,800			99442-BAA
99468-BAA	\$146,600			99443-BAA
				99467-BAA
				99491-BAA

Enclosures

cc(w/o enclosures): Bruce Wright, NOAA
Sandra Schubert, EVRO

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Craig Tillery
Regina Belt

FROM: *Traci Cramer*
Traci Cramer
Administrative Officer

DATE: August 26, 1998

RE: Pending Court Requests

The purpose of this memorandum is to request that the Alaska Department of Law and the United States Department of Justice petition the United States District Court to disburse the sum of \$34,455,661 from the Court Registry System. Of this amount \$20,408,961 shall go to the United States and \$14,046,700 shall go to the State of Alaska. The following is a brief description of how the disbursement was developed.

Based on Trustee Council action, a total of \$15,386,200 has been approved for the 1999 Work Plan and associated projects. Of this amount \$5,339,500 shall go to the United States and \$10,046,700 shall go to the State of Alaska. For your information, the Trustee Council also approved a net zero adjustment associated with the 1998 Work Plan. The adjustment has been included in the aforementioned figures and the resolution that was signed by the Trustee Council.

The sum of \$4,500,000 shall be provided to the United States Department of the Interior for lands purchased on Kodiak Island from Koniag, Inc. This represents the final payment associated with acquisition of this land. Consistent with the resolution adopted by the Trustee Council on December 2, 1994, and appended to the Eighteen Disbursement, the payment is due by September 30, 1998.

The sum of \$4,000,000 shall be provided to the Alaska Department of Natural Resources for lands purchased on Shuyak Island from the Kodiak Island Borough. This represents the fourth of eight installment payments associated with acquisition of this land. Consistent with the resolution adopted by the Trustee Council on December 11, 1995, and appended to the Twentieth Disbursement, the payment is due by October 1, 1998.

The sum of \$10,569,461 shall be provided to the United States Forest Service for lands purchased from the Tatitlek Corporation. This represents the final payment associated

with acquisition of this land. Consistent with the resolution adopted by the Trustee Council on December 23, 1997, and appended to the Thirty-third Disbursement, the payment is due by October 1, 1998.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (907) 586-7238.

cc: Bob Baldauf
Molly McCammon

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Bruce Wright / NOAA Liaison

FROM: Molly McCammon
Executive Director

RE: Partial Authorization -- Project 98329 / Synthesis of the Toxicological Impacts on Pink Salmon

DATE: August 26, 1998

Project 98329/Synthesis of the Toxicological Impacts on Pink Salmon was approved by the Trustee Council on August 6, 1997. Authorization-to-spend on the project, which was to be jointly implemented by NOAA and ADFG, was contingent on submittal of a late report by one of the ADFG principal investigators (FS1, B. Bue). Because ADFG has still not submitted that report, authorization-to-spend has not yet been provided and the ability of NOAA as well as ADFG to complete the work expected under Project 98329 has been hindered. Therefore, Project 98329 is being separated for administrative purposes into a NOAA component and an ADFG component, and this memo formally authorizes NOAA to spend on the project. This authorization is provided on the understanding that NOAA can proceed with its work on the project independent of ADFG funding being authorized.

cc: Claudia Slater / ADFG Liaison

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August 25, 1998

Michael Hall
Clerk of the Court
United States District Court for the District of Alaska
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Hall:

The purpose of this letter is to provide you an update on efforts to disburse *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill settlement funds electronically.

At your suggestion, the Administrative Office of the U.S. District Court was contacted to determine what needed to be done in order to allow disbursements by electronic transfer. Based on information provided to us by Albert Ozinek with the Administrative Office, it appears that the United States District Court for the District of Alaska, in cooperation with the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, already has sufficient authority to disburse funds electronically.

In order for the funds to be disbursed electronically, three steps need to occur. First, the court order must specify that the funds be disbursed electronically (at the time securities mature) for the ordered amount and that the disbursement be made directly from the Southern District of Texas. Second, the instructions for disbursement must include the proper accounts and contacts. Third, an accounting adjustment would need to be made to reflect that the disbursement was made directly by the Southern District of Texas.

At the suggestion of Mr. Ozinek, we contacted Mr. Milby, Clerk of the Court, United States District Court, Southern District of Texas, who confirmed that the Court does process electronic disbursements and has procedures for the participating Courts. Mr. Milby also stated that he would be happy to work with the Anchorage Court. In the event you have any questions, he asked that you give him a call at (713) 250-5400.

Based on a later conversation with Mr. Ozinek, I understand that he contacted Ms. Betty Hill regarding the electronic disbursement of funds. I further understand that Ms. Hill has contacted the Southern District of Texas to discuss procedures.

As you are aware, the reason we have requested the ability to disburse funds electronically is to minimize the period of time that the joint funds are not earning interest. The interest income lost has been highlighted by our independent audit firm

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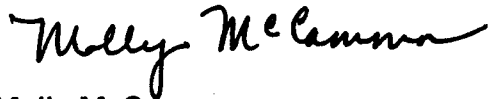
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and was an issue in a recent U.S. General Accounting Office audit. I would hope that by the next disbursement - possibly August or September of this year - procedures could be in place to allow the electronic disbursement of funds.

Any assistance you could provide on this issue would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Sincerely,



Molly McCammon
Executive Director

cc: Honorable H. Russel Holland
Bill Brighton, U.S. Department of Justice
Chet Janik, U.S. General Accounting Office
Michael Milby, U.S. Court System
Craig Tillery, Alaska Department of Law

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Carol Fries
Jim Stratton

FROM: Eric F. Myers *[Signature]*
Director of Operations

DATE: August 25, 1998

SUBJ: KEN 146 - Kachemak Bay Small Parcel Nomination

Mr. James Hopkins came by the Restoration Office today to check on the status of KEN 146, an 80-acre small parcel nomination located along the shore of Kachemak Bay surrounded by Kachemak Bay State Park.

As you may recall, this parcel was sponsored by ADNR when it was evaluated by the habitat work group in 1994. It ranked "low" at that time and Mr. Hopkins indicated that he remains interested in selling the property to the state and have it included within the park. During a quick review of the KEN-146 file I found several letters of support, including the enclosed correspondence from Dr. George West, a well known zoophysiological familiar with the resources of the area. A map attached to Dr. West's letter shows the parcel boundaries in relation to the State Park boundaries.

I described the small parcel process to Mr. Hopkins and suggested that he may wish to consult with you to determine if there was interest in further consideration of this parcel nomination

attachment

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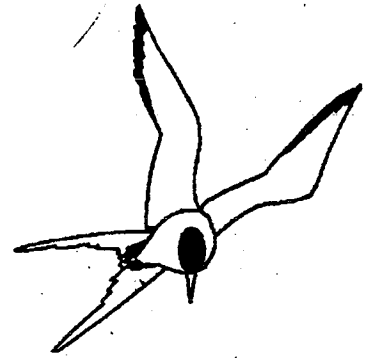
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June 30, 1994

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council
Restoration Office
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Dear Trustees:

This letter is in support of the application of **Mr. James Hopkins** for your acquisition of a parcel of land within the Eastland Creek section of Kachemak Bay State Park, and bordering Kachemak Bay, about 14 miles northeast of the base of the Homer Spit.

The parcel is currently "landlocked" within the boundaries of Kachemak Bay State Park (see map). Purchase of this land would help to complete that part of the park on the north shore of Kachemak Bay, an area yet undeveloped, but in a prime location for recreational enhancements and potential access from the road system east of Homer, Alaska. Over half of the subject property appears to be steep bluffs along Kachemak Bay on the southeast, along tributaries of Eastland Creek on the east, and along an unnamed intermittent stream to the southwest. These bluffs rise to 500 feet above the shore of Kachemak Bay and then the property continues to rise another 100 feet at its northwestern extent.

Some of the bluff face is vegetated with alder; there are willows, cottonwoods, and alders in the stream valleys along with herbaceous vegetation. Some Sitka or Lutz spruce extend on ridges towards the mouth of Eastland Creek where there is an active Bald Eagle nest. The upper and more level portion of the property is heavily vegetated with spruce.

The intertidal area of Kachemak Bay adjacent to the subject property is shallow and extends about one mile off shore at low tides. In this shallow intertidal area, silver salmon migrate to the head of the Bay, and many birds and marine mammals feed. We have seen thousands of scoters in this area in early spring and winter. Marbled and Kittlitz's Murrelets feed here with Common Loons, Greater Scaup (in winter), Red-breasted Mergansers, Mew and Glaucous-winged Gulls, Black-legged Kittiwakes, Aleutian and Arctic Terns, Common Murres, Pigeon Guillemots, Sea Otter, Harbor Porpoise, and Harbor Seal. The mud flats at low tide support thousands of spring migrating shorebirds, some of which may use the intertidal areas at the base of the subject property. On the following page is a partial list of bird species that utilize this property.

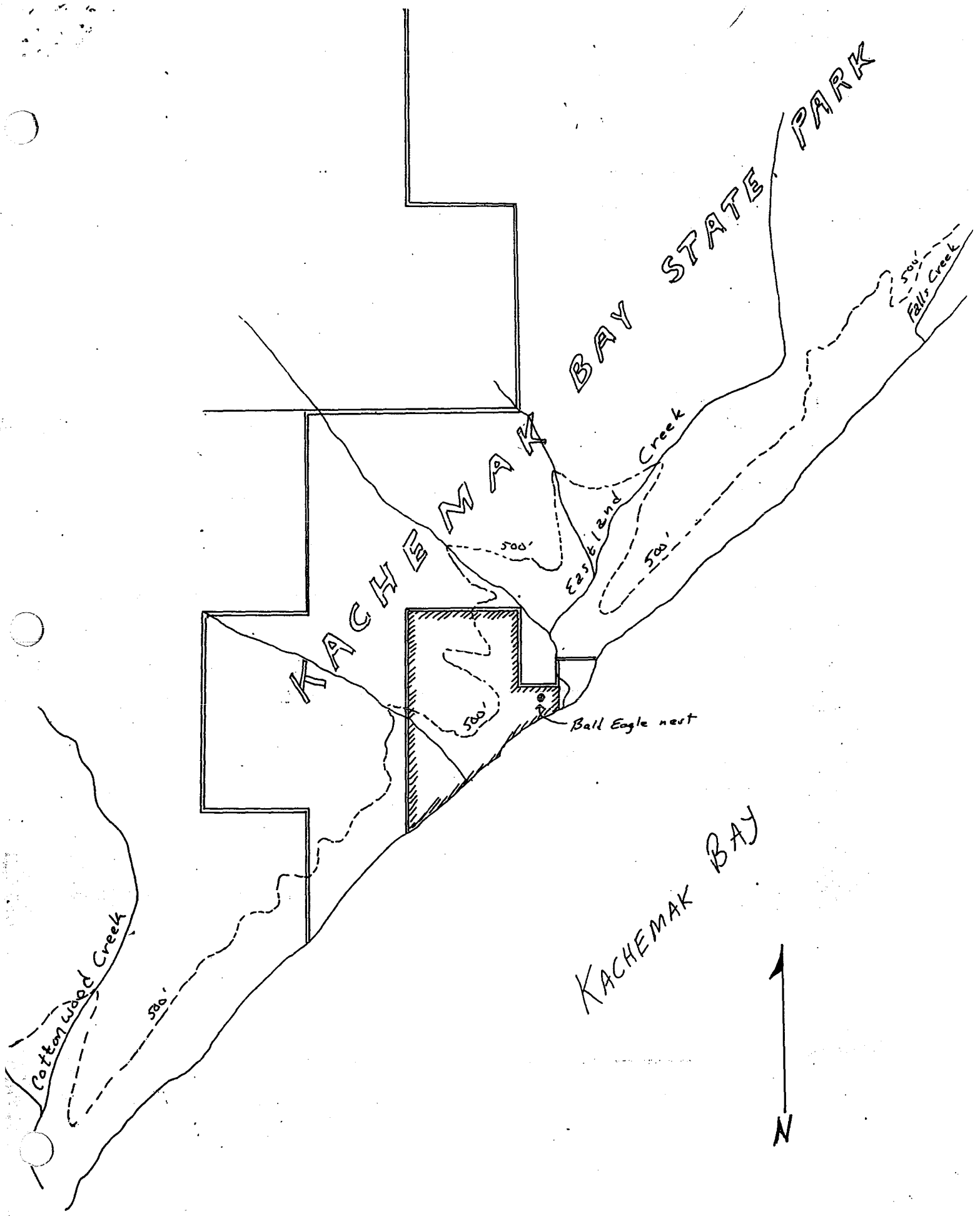
Species	Use	Species	Use
Bald Eagle	nesting	Bank Swallow	probable nesting
Northern Harrier	feeding	Gray Jay	probable nesting
Sharp-shinned Hawk	probable nesting	Steller's Jay	probable nesting
Northern Goshawk	probable nesting	Black-billed Magpie	probable nesting
Western Sandpiper	feeding on intertidal mud	Boreal Chickadee	probable nesting
Dunlin	feeding on intertidal mud	Red-breasted Nuthatch	probable nesting
Short-billed Dowitcher	feeding on intertidal mud	Golden-crowned Kinglet	probable nesting
Mew Gull	feeding on shoreline	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	probable nesting
Glaucous-winged Gull	feeding on shoreline	Hermit Thrush	probable nesting
Black-legged Kittiwake	feeding off shore	Swainson's Thrush	probable nesting
Arctic Tern	feeding off shore	Varied Thrush	probable nesting
Aleutian Tern	feeding off shore	Orange-crowned Warbler	probable nesting
Common Murre	feeding off shore	Yellow-rumped Warbler	probable nesting
Pigeon Guillemot	feeding off shore	Townsend's Warbler	probable nesting
Marbled Murrelet	feeding off shore	Wilson's Warbler	probable nesting
Kittlitz's Murrelet	feeding off shore	Fox Sparrow	probable nesting
Great Horned Owl	probable nesting	Golden-crowned Sparrow	probable nesting
Belted Kingfisher	probable nesting in bluff	White-crowned Sparrow	probable nesting
Three-toed Woodpecker	probable nesting	Dark-eyed Junco	probable nesting
Tree Swallow	feeding	Pine Grosbeak	probable nesting
Violet-green Swallow	feeding	White-winged Crossbill	feeding
		Pine Siskin	probable nesting

I believe that acquiring the subject property to complete the Eastland Creek section of Kachemak Bay State Park will increase the Park's recreational potential for the citizens of Homer and the State of Alaska as well as providing contiguous protected habitat for many species of wild-life.

Sincerely yours,



George C. West, Ph.D.
Professor of
Zoophysiology, Emeritus
University of Alaska Fairbanks



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August 25, 1998

Charlie Hughey
Valdez Native Tribe
PO Box 1108
Valdez, Alaska 99686

RE: Project 99401 / Spot Shrimp: A Population Dynamics Study

Dear Mr. ~~Hughey~~ ^{Charlie}

On August 13, 1998, the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council acted upon the Fiscal Year 1999 Work Plan. At that meeting, the Council voted to defer action on Project 99401/Spot Shrimp: A Population Dynamics Study. The Council is tentatively scheduled to reconsider the project in mid-December following further discussion about the most appropriate methods and integration with ongoing efforts by the responsible management agency, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. I share your disappointment that we have not yet been able to develop a proposal that involves participation by the Valdez Native Tribe and fisheries managers, but I will continue to encourage that to happen. The goal should be to have ready a revised Detailed Project Description and budget no later than October 31, which will allow time for full outside peer review and approval by the Chief Scientist in advance of the December Trustee Council meeting.

At the August 13 meeting, the Trustee Council authorized projects totaling \$10.3 million. In December, 16 deferred projects totaling approximately \$1.4 million will be considered. The targeted amount for the FY 99 Work Plan is \$10-12 million, so it is possible that not all deferred projects will be funded.

Thank you for your participation in the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill restoration program. A copy of the Trustee Council's action on your project is enclosed. If you have questions, please contact the Trustee Council liaison for your lead agency.

Sincerely,

Molly McGammon
Executive Director

Enclosure

cc: Claudia Slater, ADF&G Liaison
MMH

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Proj.No.	Project Title	Proposer	Lead Agency	New or Cont'd	FY99 Fund	FY99 Defer	FY00 Estimate	FY01 Estimate	Total FY99-02
99401	Spot Shrimp: A Population Dynamics Study	C. Hughey/Valdez Native Tribe	ADFG	New 1st yr. 2 yr. project	\$0.0	\$70.1	\$72.0	\$5.0	\$77.0
<u>Project Abstract</u> This project will study population abundance and distribution in various areas of Prince William Sound to determine whether or not the spot shrimp population has sufficiently reestablished itself since the oil spill. The study will provide data needed to determine if the spot shrimp populations can sustain seasonal openings for subsistence, personal use and commercial fishing in Prince William Sound.		<u>Chief Scientist's Recommendation</u> This is a very strong community-based proposal. It merits further development to allow for additional technical review. Given that the sampling most likely needs to occur in September and October, a proposal should be developed with the aim of starting work late in FY 99 (i.e., September 1999). Defer pending review of revised proposal.		<u>Trustee Council Action</u> Defer decision on funding pending submittal and satisfactory peer review of a more complete Detailed Project Description and budget. Concerns over the declining number of shrimp have been raised repeatedly by subsistence users. Since the oil spill, shrimp harvest seasons have diminished to the point of closure. This project would study the abundance and distribution of spot shrimp in Prince William Sound to determine whether the population can sustain seasonal openings for subsistence, personal use, and commercial fishing. Shrimp are not on the injured species list. However, the Trustee Council's Restoration Plan allows restoration actions to address resources not on the list if the action will benefit an injured resource or service; this project would benefit the service of subsistence.					

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August 25, 1998

Stephen Jewett, Ph.D.
University of Alaska Fairbanks
Institute of Marine Science
PO Box 757140
Fairbanks, Alaska 99775-7140

RE: Project 99379 / Assessment of Risk to Residual Oil in PWS Using P450 Activity in Fishes

Dear Dr. Jewett:

On August 13, 1998, the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council acted upon the Fiscal Year 1999 Work Plan. At that meeting, the Council voted to defer action on Project 99379/Assessment of Risk to Residual Oil in PWS Using P450 Activity in Fishes. The Council is tentatively scheduled to reconsider the project in mid-December following further discussion of the most effective ways to follow up on questions about oil exposure in intertidal and nearshore organisms. I know that you recently discussed the status of your project with the Science Coordinator, Stan Senner, and he will work with you to arrange a conference call with the Chief Scientist and representatives of the oiled mussel bed project, 99090.

You should also be aware that at the August 13 meeting, the Trustee Council authorized projects totaling \$10.3 million. In December, 16 deferred projects totaling approximately \$1.4 million will be considered. The targeted amount for the FY 99 Work Plan is \$10-12 million, so it is possible that not all deferred projects will be funded.

Thank you for your participation in the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill restoration program. A copy of the Trustee Council's action on your project is enclosed. If you have questions, please contact the Trustee Council liaison for your lead agency.

Sincerely,

Molly McCammon
Executive Director

Enclosure

cc: Claudia Slater, ADF&G Liaison
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Proj.No.	Project Title	Proposer	Lead Agency	New or Cont'd	FY99 Fund	FY99 Defer	FY00 Estimate	FY01 Estimate	Total FY99-02
99379	Assessment of Risk to Residual Oil in Prince William Sound Using P450 Activity in Fishes	S. Jewett/UAF	ADFG	New 1st yr. 1 yr. project	\$0.0	\$121.3	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
<u>Project Abstract</u> This project will measure cytochrome P-4501A activity in fishes as an index of the spatial extent of the risk of exposure to hydrocarbons and as an index of the likely route of exposure. Masked greenling will be used as a surrogate to determine the spatial extent, to fishes as well as other nearshore vertebrates, of risk of exposure to hydrocarbons. Three common nearshore fishes (masked greenling, Pacific cod, and Pacific sand lance) that have different prey and habitat preferences will be used as indicators of pathways of oil exposure.		<u>Chief Scientist's Recommendation</u> This project would provide more information on the induction of oil-sensitive enzymes in nearshore fishes in the oiled areas of Prince William Sound. Preliminary studies in 1997 indicate induction in the kelp greenling eight years after the spill, and this proposal would extend this information to two other species and to a wider area in FY 99. Defer until this and a similar proposal (Project /432) can be considered together in relation to the Trustee Council's objectives for documenting concentrations of oil remaining in oiled mussel beds.		<u>Trustee Council Action</u> Defer decision pending further consideration of additional P-4501A work. If funded, funding will be contingent on submittal and review of a reduced budget. This project would use three nearshore fishes -- masked greenling, Pacific cod, and sand lance -- as indicators of pathways of oil exposure.					

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August 25, 1998

Monica Riedel, Chair
Alaska Harbor Seal Commission
PO Box 2229
Cordova, Alaska 99574

RE: Project 99444 / Community-Based Harbor Seal Research


Dear Ms. Riedel:

On August 13, 1998, the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council acted upon the Fiscal Year 1999 Work Plan. At that meeting, the Council voted to defer action on Project 99444/Community-Based Harbor Seal Research. The Council is tentatively scheduled to reconsider the project in mid-December following resolution of questions by the Chief Scientist about methods and integration with federal and state management agencies. Last week's discussions in Cordova about ideas for cooperative projects involving the Alaska Native Harbor Seal Commission, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, and National Marine Fisheries Service were promising, and I encourage you to work with your scientific advisors and representatives of these agencies to develop an approach that is mutually satisfactory and scientifically credible. The Council's Chief Scientist and Science Coordinator are available to assist in that process as needed. The goal should be a revised Detailed Project Description and budget no later than October 31, which will allow for full outside peer review and approval by the Chief Scientist in advance of the December Council meeting.

You should also be aware that at its August 13 meeting, the Trustee Council authorized projects totaling \$10.3 million. In December, 16 deferred projects totaling approximately \$1.4 million will be considered. The targeted amount for the FY 99 Work Plan is \$10-12 million, so it is possible that not all deferred projects will be funded.

I would also like to take this opportunity to inform you that the Trustee Council approved continuation of the Youth Area Watch project in FY 99, including expansion of the project to Nanwalek, Port Graham, and Seldovia. I appreciate you taking the time to submit comments on the Youth Area Watch and other projects important to you.

Thank you for your participation in the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill restoration program. A copy of the Trustee Council's action on Project 99444 is enclosed. If you have questions, please feel free to give me a call.

Sincerely,


Molly McCannmon
Executive Director

Enclosure

cc: Claudia Slater, ADF&G Liaison
Bruce Wright, NOAA Liaison
Kathy Frost, ADF&G
Brian Fadely, NMFS

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Proj.No.	Project Title	Proposer	Lead Agency	New or Cont'd	FY99 Fund	FY99 Defer	FY00 Estimate	FY01 Estimate	Total FY99-02
99444	Community-Based Harbor Seal Research	M. Riedel/Alaska Native Harbor Seal Commission	ADFG	New 1st yr. 2 yr. project	\$0.0	\$69.2	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
<div> <div> <u>Project Abstract</u> Harbor seal numbers in Port Gravina in eastern Prince William Sound are showing strong signs of recovery while those at oiled sites in central Prince William Sound are not. This one-year pilot project will use the knowledge and expertise of local subsistence hunters. Evaluating factors affecting harbor seals during the fall-winter-spring is critical for understanding factors affecting harbor seal recovery. Vessel-based surveys will be used to: (1) contrast seasonal use of each region by harbor seals, (2) contrast the age composition of seals in each region, (3) identify regional and ecological factors that may be associated with observed differences in harbor seal use, and (4) document potentially sensitive harbor seal habitats or temporal periods that may affect recovery. </div> <div> <u>Chief Scientist's Recommendation</u> This is an innovative project that has potential to provide valuable information on harbor seal populations in the winter, and possibly corroborate aerial survey data provided in Project /064. The review of the original proposal raised questions of feasibility related to weather, sampling methodology, and observer training, and about active coordination and integration with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and National Marine Fisheries Services. The revised Detailed Project Description did not fully satisfy these concerns. I recommend deferring this project pending further revision and review. </div> <div> <u>Trustee Council Action</u> Defer decision pending further revisions to the Detailed Project Description that satisfactorily address the Chief Scientist's concerns. This one-year pilot project would conduct fall-winter-spring surveys to investigate seasonal distribution and activities of harbor seals. The data collected under this project should complement summer survey data collected under Project /064 and contribute to our overall understanding of the recovery status of harbor seals. The project would be implemented by subsistence users, would rely in part on traditional and local knowledge, and may promote local stewardship of the resource. The final report on this project would be prepared with FY 99 funds and submitted by September 30, 1999. </div> </div>									

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August 25, 1998

Jerome M. Selby, Mayor
Kodiak Island Borough
710 Mill Bay Road
Kodiak, Alaska 99615


Dear Mayor Selby:

Thank you for taking the time to express your support for Project 99415/Prince William Sound & Kodiak Waste Management Community Awareness Training Video and Manual. The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council acted on the Fiscal Year 1999 Work Plan at its meeting on August 13. The Council chose not to fund this project on the basis that public information about the waste management plans should be a routine operations cost. The cities and villages in Prince William Sound have committed themselves to operate and maintain the EVOS stations and used oil equipment funded by the Council. Similarly, although implementation of the Kodiak Waste Management Plan is just now getting underway (the Council approved \$1,857,100 for Project 99304 at its August meeting), the expectation is that the ongoing operations costs of the waste management systems will be borne by the local entities.

Again, I appreciate your interest in the restoration program.

Sincerely,


Molly McCammon
Executive Director

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August 25, 1998

Don Kashevaroff, Vice-President
Seldovia Village Tribe
P.O. Drawer L
Seldovia, AK 99663

Dear Mr. Kashevaroff:

Thank you for taking the time to express your support for projects 99052A/Community Involvement and 99052B/Traditional Ecological Knowledge. The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council acted on the Fiscal Year 1999 Work Plan at its meeting on August 13. I am pleased to inform you that the Council approved \$243,400 for the Community Involvement project. This level of funding continues to provide \$12,000 per facilitator in each of ten communities, maintains the same amount of travel (three trips) between the ten villages and Anchorage as in FY 98, and adds funds for the participation of six student interns from Kodiak Island villages.

In regard to the Traditional Knowledge project, the Trustee Council approved \$24,700 for four additional information workshops between principal investigators and community experts and the continued technical assistance of Henry Huntington. In December 1998 the Council will consider an additional \$21,400 for workshops to train community members in the technical aspects of conducting TEK research. Patty Brown-Schwalenberg, Executive Director of the Chugach Regional Resources Commission, is putting together some additional information on these technical workshops for the Council's consideration in December.

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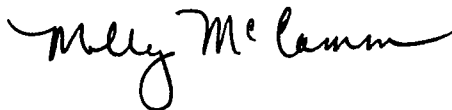
Ann Rothe, Executive Director
Trustees for Alaska
Kevin Harun, Executive Director
Alaska Center for the Environment
725 Christensen Drive, Suite 4
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

 
Dear Ms. Rothe and Mr. Harun:

Thank you for taking the time to express your support for Project 99391/Cook Inlet Information Management & Monitoring System. The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council acted on the Fiscal Year 1999 Work Plan at its meeting on August 13. I am pleased to inform you that the Council approved \$335,000 for this project in FY 99. The project will be administered by the Alaska Department of Natural Resources and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation. Phase 1 will consist of a user needs assessment and metadatabase development. I hope that you and the other members of the stakeholder group will be actively involved in this phase of the project.

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August 25, 1998

Captain Glen Glenzer
President, Cook Inlet RCAC
910 Highland Avenue
Kenai, Alaska 99611

Dear Captain Glenzer:

Thank you for taking the time to express your support for Project 99391/Cook Inlet Information Management & Monitoring System. The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council acted on the Fiscal Year 1999 Work Plan at its meeting on August 13. I am pleased to inform you that the Council approved \$335,000 for this project in FY 99. The project will be administered by the Alaska Department of Natural Resources and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation. Phase 1 will consist of a user needs assessment and metadatabase development. I hope that you and the other members of the stakeholder group will be actively involved in this phase of the project.

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August 25, 1998

James Carter, Executive Director
Cook Inlet RCAC
910 Highland Avenue
Kenai, Alaska 99611

Dear Mr. Carter:

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August 25, 1998

Michael Carlson, Member
Larsen Bay City Council
P.O. Box 8
Larsen Bay, Alaska 99624

Dear Mr. Carlson:

Thank you for taking the time to express your support for Project 99304/Kodiak Island Borough Waste Management Plan. The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council acted on the Fiscal Year 1999 Work Plan at its meeting on August 13. I am pleased to inform you that the Council approved funding in the amount of \$1,857,100 for this project.

Again, I appreciate your interest in the restoration program.

Sincerely,

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August 25, 1998

Alicia L. Reft, President
Karluk IRA Tribal Council
P.O. Box 22
Karluk, Alaska 99608

Dear Ms. Reft:

Thank you for taking the time to express your support for Project 99304/Kodiak Island Borough Waste Management Plan. The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council acted on the Fiscal Year 1999 Work Plan at its meeting on August 13. I am pleased to inform you that the Council approved funding in the amount of \$1,857,100 for this project.

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August 25, 1998

Dr. Michael Castellini
Research Director, Alaska SeaLife Center
P.O. Box 1329
Seward, Alaska 99664

Mike
Dear Dr. Castellini:

Thank you for taking the time to express your support for Project 99434/East Amatuli Island Remote Video Link. The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council acted on the Fiscal Year 1999 Work Plan at its meeting on August 13, and decided to defer action on Project 99434 until December pending a further review of funding priorities. The Council received several letters attesting to the merits of this project, which will be taken into account when the Council reconsiders the project in December.

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Sincerely,

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August 25, 1998

Mark D. Hertle, Ph.D.
Howard Hughes Medical Institute
Office of Grants and Special Programs
4000 Jones Bridge Road
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

Dear Dr. Hertle:

Thank you for taking the time to express your support for Project 99434/East Amatuli Island Remote Video Link. The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council acted on the Fiscal Year 1999 Work Plan at its meeting on August 13, and decided to defer action on Project 99434 until December pending a further review of funding priorities. The Council received several letters attesting to the merits of this project, which will be taken into account when the Council reconsiders the project in December.

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August 25, 1998

Charles M. Quarre
HC 1 Box 3336
Sterling, Alaska 99672

Dear Mr. Quarre:

Thank you for taking the time to express your support for Project 99391/Cook Inlet Information Management & Monitoring System. The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council acted on the Fiscal Year 1999 Work Plan at its meeting on August 13. I am pleased to inform you that the Council approved \$335,000 for this project in FY 99. The project will be administered by the Alaska Department of Natural Resources and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation. Phase 1 will consist of a user needs assessment and metadatabase development. I hope that you and the other members of the stakeholder group will be actively involved in this phase of the project.

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August 25, 1998

Vincent Kvasnikoff, Chief
Nanwalek IRA Council
P.O. Box 8028
Nanwalek, AK 99603

Dear Mr. Kvasnikoff:

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Ann Rothe, Executive Director
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725 Christensen Drive, Suite 4
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Ann Kevin
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August 25, 1998

David Eluska, Mayor
City of Akhiok
P.O. Box 5050
Akhiok, Alaska 99615

Dear Mr. Eluska:

Thank you for taking the time to express your support for Project 99304/Kodiak Island Borough Waste Management Plan. The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council acted on the Fiscal Year 1999 Work Plan at its meeting on August 13. I am pleased to inform you that the Council approved funding in the amount of \$1,857,100 for this project.

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August 25, 1998

Cheri Shaw, Executive Director
Cordova District Fishermen United
P.O. Box 939
Cordova, Alaska 99574

Cheri
Dear Ms. ~~Shaw~~:

Thank you for taking the time to express your support for Project 99188/Otolith Thermal Mass Marking of Hatchery Reared Pink Salmon in Prince William Sound. The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council acted on the Fiscal Year 1999 Work Plan at its meeting on August 13. I am pleased to inform you that the Council approved full funding (\$185,200) for this project.

Again, I appreciate your interest in the restoration program.

Sincerely,

Molly McCammon

Molly McCammon
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August 25, 1998

Peter Armato
ACCG Coastal Resource Specialist
Kenai Fjords National Park
P.O. Box 1727
Seward, Alaska 99664

Peter
Dear Mr. Armato:

Thank you for taking the time to express your support for Project 99366/Improved Salmon Escapement Enumeration Using Remote Video and Time-Lapse Recording Technology. The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council acted on the Fiscal Year 1999 Work Plan at its meeting on August 13. I am pleased to inform you that the Council approved funding for this project.

Again, I appreciate your interest in the restoration program.

Sincerely,

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August 25, 1998

Doug Vincent-Lang
Regional Management Biologist
Alaska Department of Fish and Game
333 Raspberry Road
Anchorage, Alaska 99518

Dear Mr. Vincent-Lang:

Thank you for taking the time to express your support for Project 99408/Aspects of Salmon Shark Ecology in Alaska Waters. The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council acted on the Fiscal Year 1999 Work Plan at its meeting on August 13 and chose not to fund this project. Although salmon sharks are of ecological interest and there is need to gather basic information in relation to growing fishing pressure, the Council felt that gathering basic information for purposes of population management is most appropriately a normal agency management function.

Again, I appreciate your interest in the restoration program.

Sincerely,

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August 25, 1998

Captain Robert Candopoulos, President
Saltwater Safari Company
P.O. Box 241225
Anchorage, Alaska 99524

Dear Captain Candopoulos:

Thank you for taking the time to express your support for Project 99408/Aspects of Salmon Shark Ecology in Alaska Waters. The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council acted on the Fiscal Year 1999 Work Plan at its meeting on August 13 and chose not to fund this project. Although salmon sharks are of ecological interest and there is need to gather basic information in relation to growing fishing pressure, the Council felt that gathering basic information for purposes of population management is most appropriately a normal agency management function.

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August 25, 1998

Gary P. Kompkoff, President
Tatitlek Village IRA Council
P. O. Box 71
Tatitlek, Alaska 99677

Dear Mr. Kompkoff,

Thank you for taking the time to express your support for projects 99052A/Community Involvement and 99052B/Traditional Ecological Knowledge. The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council acted on the Fiscal Year 1999 Work Plan at its meeting on August 13. I am pleased to inform you that the Council approved \$243,400 for the Community Involvement project. This level of funding continues to provide \$12,000 per facilitator in each of ten communities, maintains the same amount of travel (three trips) between the ten villages and Anchorage as in FY 98, and adds funds for the participation of six student interns from Kodiak Island villages.

In regard to the Traditional Knowledge project, the Trustee Council approved \$24,700 for four additional information workshops between principal investigators and community experts (potential workshops include seal and herring research projects in Tatitlek) and the continued technical assistance of Henry Huntington. In December 1998 the Council will consider an additional \$21,400 for workshops to train community members in the technical aspects of conducting TEK research. Patty Brown-Schwalenberg, Executive Director of the Chugach Regional Resources Commission, is putting together some additional information on these technical workshops for the Council's consideration in December.

You also submitted a letter expressing support for Project 99273/Surf Scoter Life History and Technology: Linking Satellite Technology with Traditional Knowledge to Conserve the Resource. The Trustee Council approved \$206,200 for this project, including funds for hiring two local field assistants next season. Work in FY 99 will be limited to surf scoters, with the potential of adding black scoters and white-winged scoters in future years.

Again, I appreciate your interest in the restoration program.

Sincerely,

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August 25, 1998

Greg McMullen, Project Manager
Port Graham Corporation
P. O. Box 5569
Port Graham, Alaska 99603

Dear Mr. McMullen:

Thank you for taking the time to express your support for Project 99514/Lower Cook Inlet Waste Management Plan. The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council acted on the Fiscal Year 1999 Work Plan at its meeting on August 13. I am pleased to inform you that the Council approved \$54,500 for planning and engineering work in FY 99. The purpose of the planning and engineering effort will be to document the nature of the waste management problem and customize solutions to the needs of each community (Port Graham, Nanwalek, and Seldovia) and to their commitment to ongoing maintenance. Please contact Hugh Short, the Community Involvement Coordinator here at the Restoration Office, for more information.

Again, I appreciate your interest in the restoration program.

Sincerely,

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August 25, 1998

John Lind, President
Chignik Lake Village Council
P.O. Box 4
Chignik Lake, AK 99548

Dear Mr. Lind:

Thank you for taking the time to express your support for projects 99052A/Community Involvement and 99052B/Traditional Ecological Knowledge. The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council acted on the Fiscal Year 1999 Work Plan at its meeting on August 13. I am pleased to inform you that the Council approved \$243,400 for the Community Involvement project. This level of funding continues to provide \$12,000 per facilitator in each of ten communities, maintains the same amount of travel (three trips) between the ten villages and Anchorage as in FY 98, and adds funds for the participation of six student interns from Kodiak Island villages.

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August 25, 1998

Theodore R. Merrell
3240 Fritz Cove Road
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Mr. Merrell:

Thank you for taking the time to express your support for projects 99306/Ecology and Demographics of Pacific Sand Lance in Lower Cook Inlet and 99346/Publication of an Indexed Bibliography of the Genus Ammodytes (Sand Lance). The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council acted on the Fiscal Year 1999 Work Plan at its meeting on August 13. I am pleased to inform you that the Council approved funding for both of these projects.

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Sincerely,

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August 25, 1998

Jack Lentfer
P.O. Box 2617
Homer, AK 99603

Dear Mr. Lentfer:

Thank you for taking the time to express your support for Project 99434/East Amatuli Island Remote Video Link. The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council acted on the Fiscal Year 1999 Work Plan at its meeting on August 13, and decided to defer action on Project 99434 until December pending a further review of funding priorities. The Council received several letters attesting to the merits of this project, which will be taken into account when the Council reconsiders the project in December.

Again, I appreciate your interest in the restoration program.

Sincerely,

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August 25, 1998

John Piatt, Ph.D.
14722 NE 169th Street
Woodinville, WA 98072

Dear ~~Dr. Piatt:~~ ^{John}

Thank you for taking the time to express your support for Project 99434/East Amatuli Island Remote Video Link. The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council acted on the Fiscal Year 1999 Work Plan at its meeting on August 13, and decided to defer action on Project 99434 until December pending a further review of funding priorities. The Council received several letters attesting to the merits of this project, which will be taken into account when the Council reconsiders the project in December.

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August 25, 1998

Elenore McMullen, President/Chief
Port Graham Village Council
P.O. Box 5510
Port Graham, AK 99603

Dear Elenore:

Thank you for taking the time to express your support for projects 99052A/Community Involvement and 99052B/Traditional Ecological Knowledge. The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council acted on the Fiscal Year 1999 Work Plan at its meeting on August 13. I am pleased to inform you that the Council approved \$243,400 for the Community Involvement project. This level of funding continues to provide \$12,000 per facilitator in each of ten communities, maintains the same amount of travel (three trips) between the ten villages and Anchorage as in FY 98, and adds funds for the participation of six student interns from Kodiak Island villages.

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August 25, 1998

Paul Panamarioff, President
Ouzinkie Tribal Council
Box 130
Ouzinkie, AK 99644

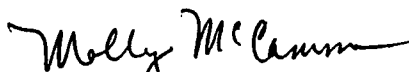
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Executive Director

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August 25, 1998

John A. Christensen, Sr.
Vice President and Administrator
Chenega Bay IRA Council
P.O. Box 8079
Chenega Bay, AK 99574

Dear Mr. Christensen:

Thank you for taking the time to express your support for projects 99052A/Community Involvement and 99052B/Traditional Ecological Knowledge. The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council acted on the Fiscal Year 1999 Work Plan at its meeting on August 13. I am pleased to inform you that the Council approved \$243,400 for the Community Involvement project. This level of funding continues to provide \$12,000 per facilitator in each of ten communities, maintains the same amount of travel (three trips) between the ten villages and Anchorage as in FY 98, and adds funds for the participation of six student interns from Kodiak Island villages.

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Memorandum

To: Habitat Protection Work Group

From: Tami Yockey *TY*
Administrative Assistant II

Date: August 24, 1998

Subject: Additional Information Regarding Small Parcel KEN-1080

In late July additional information concerning the small parcel nomination KEN-1080 was submitted by the parcel owner Herb Rhodes. This additional information was sent to Carol Fries who in turn forwarded the information on to the Trustee Council office.

It would be appreciated if at the next meeting of the Habitat Work Group meeting this new information could be reviewed. The parcel was previously scored in March 1998 and did not meet threshold criteria.

If you have any questions or would like any of the information faxed to you, please give me a call.

EFMty

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August 24, 1998

Eleanor McMullen, Chief
Port Graham IRA Council
PO Box 5510
Port Graham, Alaska 99603-5510

RE: Project 99405 / Port Graham Salmon Hatchery Reconstruction
Project 99485 / Port Graham Youth Subsistence Education

Eleanor
Dear Ms. McMullen:

On August 13, 1998, the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council acted upon the Fiscal Year 1999 Work Plan. At that meeting, the Council voted to defer action on Project 99405/Port Graham Salmon Hatchery Reconstruction. The Council is tentatively scheduled to reconsider the project at its December meeting pending (a) review by the U.S. Department of Justice of the project's legal permissibility under the terms of the settlement agreement with Exxon, (b) evaluation by the Chief Scientist for consistency with the Trustee Council's guidelines on fish supplementation, and (c) submittal by the proposer of more complete information on the facility's design and cost and the contribution of funds from other sources. I have asked Sandra Schubert and Hugh Short to work with you and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to obtain this additional information so the Council will be prepared to make a decision in December.

Regarding Project 99485/Port Graham Youth Subsistence Education, in June I notified you of my recommendation that the Trustee Council not fund this project. The Council accepted my recommendation and did not fund Project 99485 for FY 99. A copy of the Council's action on this project is also enclosed.

Thank you for your participation in the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill restoration program. A copy of the Trustee Council's action on the project is enclosed. If you have questions about this letter, please feel free to give me a call.

Sincerely,

Molly McCammon

Molly McCammon
Executive Director

Enclosure

cc: Claudia Slater, ADF&G Liaison
Hugh Short, Community Involvement Coordinator

MM/ty

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Proj.No.	Project Title	Proposer	Lead Agency	New or Cont'd	FY99 Fund	FY99 Defer	FY00 Estimate	FY01 Estimate	Total FY99-02
99405	Port Graham Salmon Hatchery Reconstruction	E. McMullen/Port Graham Village Council	ADFG	New 1st yr. 1 yr. project	\$0.0	\$777.5	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
<u>Project Abstract</u> This project will help rebuild the Port Graham salmon hatchery that was destroyed in a fire on January 13, 1998. The Port Graham hatchery was involved in the rehabilitation and enhancement of local pink salmon, sockeye salmon and coho salmon stocks for the benefit of both the local subsistence and commercial fisheries. These stocks are of major social, cultural and economic importance to the area and sustained injuries resulting from oil spill clean-up efforts. This project will help fund design, engineering, site preparation, and construction of a salmon hatchery to replace the one that was destroyed in the fire.			<u>Chief Scientist's Recommendation</u> The loss of the Port Graham hatchery was tragic. While the Trustee Council has invested heavily in subsidizing production of some traditional foods that were part of an injury to subsistence, it is not clear if building a hatchery, the subsequent operation of which could have effects on wild stocks of fish, is consistent with general supplementation guidelines for the Restoration Program.			<u>Trustee Council Action</u> Defer decision pending (a) review of this project's legal permissibility, (b) approval by the Chief Scientist for consistency with the Trustee Council's supplementation guidelines, and (c) submittal of more complete information on the facility's design and cost and the contribution of funds from other sources, including the Port Graham Village Council and Port Graham Corporation. If the Trustee Council were to fund this project, the entire hatchery operation may need to undergo a NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) analysis. [NOTE: If funded, funds for this project would be outside of the regular FY 99 work plan of research, monitoring, and general restoration projects.]			

SPREADSHEET B: TRUSTEE COUNCIL ACTION (8/15/98) / FY 99 WORK PLAN

Proj.No.	Project Title	Proposer	Lead Agency	New or Cont'd	FY99 Fund	FY99 Defer	FY00 Estimate	FY01 Estimate	Total FY99-02
99485	Port Graham Youth Subsistence Education	E. McMullen/Port Graham Village Council	DOI	New 1st yr. 2 yr. project	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
<p><u>Project Abstract</u></p> <p>This project will assist in a summer education program aimed at the revitalization of subsistence in Port Graham. Three groups of youth, teens, preteens, and elementary aged children will be involved in a week-long course teaching life skills with regard to subsistence. These subjects will include conservation of resources, hunting and gathering techniques, survival skills in the wilderness, safety in outdoor activities, and traditional knowledge regarding gathering. The program will take place in the vicinity of Port Graham. EVOS funds will assist in bringing specialized speakers to the program to talk about kayak safety and life skills, as well as other aspects of subsistence. Additionally, the funds will go toward the acquisition of supplies such as camping gear, cooking gear, educational supplies, and other miscellaneous items. Port Graham Village Council will obtain the other needed funding from other sources.</p>			<p><u>Chief Scientist's Recommendation</u></p> <p>This proposal is a good idea initiated by a community impacted by the oil spill. However, projects of this type -- such as spirit camps, which aim to teach subsistence beliefs and practices to youth -- have not been funded by the Trustee Council in the past. This project may be appropriate for submittal through the State's EVOS criminal settlement subsistence grant program. Do not fund.</p>			<p><u>Trustee Council Action</u></p> <p>Do not fund. Although the Trustee Council has received requests in the past for spirit camps and other projects that would teach traditional methods of harvesting and related skills to youth, such projects have been found not to be legally permissible. The State's EVOS criminal fund subsistence grants, administered by the Alaska Department of Community and Regional Affairs, have been awarded for this purpose.</p>			

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August 21, 1998

Dan Esler
USGS / BRD
Alaska Science Center
1011 East Tudor Road
Anchorage, Alaska 99503-6119

RE: Project 99466 / Recovery Status of Barrow's Goldeneyes

Dear Mr. Esler:

On August 13, 1998, the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council acted upon the Fiscal Year 1999 Work Plan. At that meeting, the Council voted to defer action on Project 99466/Recovery Status of Barrow's Goldeneyes until the status of injury to this species has been reconsidered (expected winter 1998).

The Trustee Council is tentatively scheduled to take up deferred projects at a meeting in December 1998. At its August meeting, the Council authorized projects totaling \$10.3 million and deferred projects totaling approximately \$1.4 million. The targeted amount for the FY 99 Work Plan is \$10-12 million, so it is possible that not all deferred projects will be funded.

Thank you for your participation in the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill restoration program. A copy of the Trustee Council's action on your project is enclosed. If you have questions, please contact the Trustee Council liaison for your lead agency.

Sincerely,

Molly McCammon
Executive Director

Enclosure

cc: Lisa Thomas, DOI-USGS Liaison

SS/ty

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Proj.No.	Project Title	Proposer	Lead Agency	New or Cont'd	FY99 Fund	FY99 Defer	FY00 Estimate	FY01 Estimate	Total FY99-02
99466	Recovery Status of Barrow's Goldeneyes	D. Esler/USGS-BRD	DOI	New 1st yr. 2 yr. project	\$0.0	\$12.2	\$14.2	\$0.0	\$14.2

Project Abstract

Although Barrow's goldeneyes are not on the list of resources injured by the oil spill, some recently collected evidence suggests that goldeneyes may have been injured and populations may not be fully recovered. Due to these concerns, this proposal will critically assess the status of recovery of Barrow's goldeneye populations from the oil spill through assemblage and analysis of all existent, relevant data. This will be accomplished through analyses of data collected for other objectives within the Nearshore Vertebrate Predator project (/025) and compilation of existing information from other sources. This work will lead to the definition of recovery status, identification of any data gaps limiting our understanding of recovery status or impediments to recovery, and, if warranted, proposal of directed research to fill those gaps during FY 2000 and beyond.

Chief Scientist's Recommendation

The Barrow's goldeneye is not considered an injured species, although the Nearshore Vertebrate Predator project has found fresh evidence of injury to this species. The Trustee Council will reconsider its status, but the work proposed here is probably more substantial than is needed to provide such information. This work might be most appropriate as a follow up to a decision on the Barrow's goldeneye injury status, and might provide a basis for identifying subsequent restoration and research priorities. Defer.

Trustee Council Action

Defer decision until the Trustee Council has reconsidered the status of injury to the Barrow's goldeneye, expected Winter 1998. This species is currently not on the Trustee Council's injured resources list, but the Nearshore Vertebrate Predator project (/025) has found new evidence of injury.

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August 21, 1998

Charles Falkenberg, Ph.D.
ECologic Corporation
19 Eye Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20001

RE: Project 99455 / An Investigation of the Data System for the EVOS Long Term Monitoring Program

Dear Dr. Falkenberg:

On August 13, 1998, the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council acted upon the Fiscal Year 1999 Work Plan. At that meeting, the Council voted to defer action on Project 99455/An Investigation of the Data System for the EVOS Long Term Monitoring Program until they have made a decision on the Restoration Reserve. Discussion of the Reserve is on the agenda for the Council's next meeting, tentatively scheduled for September 29, 1998; a decision may or may not be made at that time.

The Trustee Council is scheduled to reconsider deferred projects in mid-December 1998. If a decision has been made on the Restoration Reserve by that time, Project 99455 would be among those considered. In anticipation of the December meeting, please provide a breakdown of the collaborator services component of your budget request. The Detailed Project Description identifies specific individuals at the Alaska Department of Natural Resources and the Prince William Sound Science Center as collaborators on the project, but the budget does not specify how the funding would be allocated among the project participants. Please submit an explanation of what comprises the \$14,800 to the Restoration Office, Attn: Sandra Schubert by October 1, 1998 (e-mail address: sandras@oilspill.state.ak.us).

Thank you for your participation in the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill restoration program. A copy of the Trustee Council's action on your project is enclosed.

Sincerely,


Molly McCammon
Executive Director

Enclosure

cc: Carol Fries, ADNRL Liaison

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Proj.No.	Project Title	Proposer	Lead Agency	New or Cont'd	FY99 Fund	FY99 Defer	FY00 Estimate	FY01 Estimate	Total FY99-02
99455	An Investigation of the Data System for the EVOS Long Term Monitoring Program	C. Falkenberg/ECologic Corp.	ADNR	New 1st yr. 1 yr. project	\$0.0	\$49.9	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
<p><u>Project Abstract</u></p> <p>This project will investigate the issues relating to the creation of the data delivery system needed by the long-term monitoring and research program. In addition to data collection, data delivery will prove to be a critical component of the success of the long-term monitoring and research program. Therefore, as that program is planned the data delivery issues need to be integrated into the process. This project will outline some of those issues and provide background research into existing systems that deliver similar data. A specific design for this data system will not be proposed; rather, the data system issues that need to be included in the planning process will be presented.</p>			<p><u>Chief Scientist's Recommendation</u></p> <p>This proposal represents an extraordinarily valuable initial step for planning an effective long-term research and monitoring program. The project will also provide a cost-effective assessment of critical data system design issues, calling upon the principal investigator's experience with data systems operated by the National Science Foundation, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Aeronautic and Space Administration, and others. The project report will need to be free of technical jargon to be effective, and must portray options to pursue and the consequences of these choices. The "contractual services" in the budget need additional explanation. Defer pending Trustee Council decision on use of the Restoration Reserve.</p>			<p><u>Trustee Council Action</u></p> <p>Defer decision on funding until the Trustee Council makes its decision on the Restoration Reserve (probably Fall 1998). If funded, budget needs clarification. This project is designed to ensure that data collected through the potential EVOS long-term research and monitoring effort is used by the widest number of users and applications.</p>			

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August 21, 1998

Michael O'Meara
Pratt Museum
3779 Bartlett Street
Homer, Alaska 99603

Re: Project 99434 / East Amatuli Island Remote Video Link

Dear Mr. O'Meara:

On August 13, 1998, the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council acted upon the Fiscal Year 1999 Work Plan. At that meeting, the Council voted to defer action on Project 99434/East Amatuli Island Remote Video Link. The Council is tentatively scheduled to reconsider the project in mid-December following a reevaluation of funding priorities this fall.

In anticipation of your project being considered at that time, please submit a reduced budget not to exceed \$76,400 (including agency general administration costs). Specifically, the Trustee Council's budget instructions allow travel to the Annual EVOS Workshop for the principal investigator only. Similarly, travel to a professional conference is allowed for the PI only, and only if the PI will be presenting results of the project or if attendance at the conference is integral to project implementation. Finally, the Council does not typically purchase computers unless the computer is an integral part of the project and will be used primarily for the project. Any equipment (including computers) purchased under the project will remain the property of the Department of Interior and must be returned to the agency upon project completion. Please prepare a revised detailed budget that reflects these changes and submit it to the Restoration Office, Attn: Sandra Schubert by October 1, 1998. (An electronic copy of the revised budget is not needed.)

You should be aware that at its August 13 meeting, the Trustee Council authorized projects totaling \$10.3 million. In December, 16 deferred projects totaling approximately \$1.4 million will be considered. The targeted amount for the FY 99 Work Plan is \$10-12 million, so it is possible that not all deferred projects will be funded.

Thank you for your participation in the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill restoration program. A copy of the Trustee Council's action on your project is enclosed. If you have questions, please contact the Trustee Council liaison for your lead agency.

Sincerely,

Molly McCammon
Executive Director

Enclosure

cc: Catherine Berg, DOI-USFWS Liaison

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99434	East Amatuli Island Remote Video Link	M. O'Meara/Pratt Museum	DOI	New 1st yr. 1 yr. project	\$0.0	\$80.4	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
<p><u>Project Abstract</u></p> <p>Under this project, a microwave link will transmit live images and audio from East Amatuli Island to the Pratt Museum in Homer. Two cameras on the island will be used to test remote collection of data on seabird breeding parameters (e.g., nest attendance) as a supplement to monitoring programs, provide a vehicle for student involvement in restoration monitoring and allow members of the general public to view spill area resources and restoration research projects. Users at the Pratt Museum will pan, tilt, and zoom cameras to observe murres and kittiwakes. The cameras' computer control system will be programmed to store precise nest locations that can be revisited upon command, or automatically at specified intervals, to record images on video tape.</p>			<p><u>Chief Scientist's Recommendation</u></p> <p>The Pratt Museum has demonstrated the educational and public relations value of this technique by installing a remotely operated video camera on Gull Island, and it is now proposing to investigate this technique as a long-term monitoring tool for the Barren Islands. There are many excellent parts of this proposal, including the willingness of the educational specialists to do rigorous assessment of the value of this product. Defer.</p>			<p><u>Trustee Council Action</u></p> <p>Defer decision pending further review of funding priorities. This project would place remotely operated video cameras in the Barren Islands seabird colonies as both a research and educational tool. A similar set-up now in place at Gull Island (near Homer) is producing exciting results. There is potential interest in this technology as a cost-effective monitoring tool, and implementing it while APEX (Project /163) is still in the field (FY 99 is the final year of field work for APEX) would allow validation of this potentially cost-effective approach to monitoring colony activity. In addition, the proposal has significant cost sharing from other sources.</p>			

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August 21, 1998

Mary Anne Bishop, Ph.D.
PNW Research
U.S. Forest Service
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Cordova, Alaska 99574-1460

Re: Project 99381 / Status of Seabird Colonies in Northeastern Prince William Sound

Dear Dr. Bishop:

On August 13, 1998, the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council acted upon the Fiscal Year 1999 Work Plan. At that meeting, the Council voted to defer action on Project 99381/Status of Seabird Colonies in Northeastern Prince William Sound. The Council is tentatively scheduled to reconsider the project in mid-December following a reevaluation of funding priorities in the fall.

At the August 13 meeting, the Trustee Council authorized projects totaling \$10.3 million. In December, 16 deferred projects totaling approximately \$1.4 million will be considered. The targeted amount for the FY 99 Work Plan is \$10-12 million, so it is possible that not all deferred projects will be funded.

Thank you for your participation in the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill restoration program. A copy of the Trustee Council's action on your project is enclosed. If you have questions, please contact the Trustee Council liaison for your lead agency.

Sincerely,

Molly McCammon
Executive Director

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cc: Ken Holbrook, USFS Liaison

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Proj.No.	Project Title	Proposer	Lead Agency	New or Cont'd	FY99 Fund	FY99 Defer	FY00 Estimate	FY01 Estimate	Total FY99-02
99381	Status of Seabird Colonies in Northeastern Prince William Sound	M. Bishop/USFS	USFS	New 1st yr. 2 yr. project	\$0.0	\$13.0	\$1.0	\$0.0	\$1.0
<u>Project Abstract</u> With the most recent colony data from 6-24 years old, current documentation on seabird colonies in northeastern Prince William Sound may not reflect recent changes in size, species composition, and location that may have occurred since the oil spill. Areas around northeastern Prince William Sound (Port Gravina to Orca Inlet) are pending purchase by the Trustee Council to aid in the restoration of injured species. These lands may be subject to increased human pressure that may increase human/wildlife interactions. This project will establish current population data for the seven known colonies in these areas and survey the coastline for suspected and unknown seabird colonies. Acquisition of this information is necessary to minimize human disturbance of injured species.			<u>Chief Scientist's Recommendation</u> This inexpensive project would collect information about the size and composition of several small seabird colonies on lands in western Prince William Sound currently owned by Eyak Corporation that are expected to be transferred into public ownership, subject to shareholder vote. This information would be useful as the agencies develop management plans for these lands. However, this routine assessment work is a low priority for EVOS funds. Do not fund.			<u>Trustee Council Action</u> Defer decision pending further review of funding priorities. This project would collect information on several small seabird colonies located on lands in eastern Prince William Sound that will be transferred into public ownership (subject to Eyak shareholder vote). Although the project is inexpensive and the information would benefit development of appropriate management plans, this work is a low priority for EVOS funds.			

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August 21, 1998

Frank Irick
Kueuit Foundation, Inc.
4109 Lynn Drive #109
Anchorage, Alaska 99508

Re: Project 99517 / Prince William Sound Regional Cultural and Eco-Tourism Center

Dear Mr. Irick:

The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council received more than \$25 million in proposals for Fiscal Year 1999. Unfortunately, it was not possible to fund all projects that were submitted.

In June I notified you of my recommendation that the Trustee Council not fund Project 99517/Prince William Sound Regional Cultural and Eco-Tourism Center. The Council acted on the FY 1999 Work Plan on August 13, 1998. This letter is to inform you that the Council accepted my recommendation and did not fund your project for FY 99. A copy of the Council's action on your project is enclosed.

I appreciate your interest in the restoration program and hope you will consider submitting proposals in future years.

Sincerely,

Molly McCammon
Executive Director

Enclosure

cc: Ken Holbrook, USFS Liaison

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Proj.No.	Project Title	Proposer	Lead Agency	New or Cont'd	FY99 Fund	FY99 Defer	FY00 Estimate	FY01 Estimate	Total FY99-02
99517	Prince William Sound Regional Cultural and Eco-Tourism Center	F. Irick/Kueuit Foundation, Inc.	USFS	New 1st yr. 3 yr. project	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
<p><u>Project Abstract</u></p> <p>This project will outline an approach to restore recreation and tourism usage of the wilderness and traditional Native culture in the Prince William Sound region. This will be done by encouraging visitors to come see and appreciate (1) the remaining pristine beauty of the sound and the Native cultures of the area, (2) the history of the oil spill and initial assessment and cleanup activity as well as longer-term resource restoration efforts and the impact of these on all the resources of the area, including the people and traditional lifestyles, and (3) the importance of continuing good stewardship of the natural resources of the area under the planning and control of its residents.</p>			<p><u>Chief Scientist's Recommendation</u></p> <p>This proposal, which would attempt to restore recreation and tourism through the promotion of tourism and traditional Alaska Native culture, has a weak link to the Trustee Council's restoration objectives. In addition, it is difficult to assess how the project would be carried out as it lacks concrete objectives. The necessary collaboration with Native communities and groups is not demonstrated in the proposal. Do not fund.</p>			<p><u>Trustee Council Action</u></p> <p>Do not fund. This project has a weak link to restoration objectives for recreation and tourism. Furthermore, the necessary collaboration with Native communities in the spill area is not demonstrated in the proposal.</p>			

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August 21, 1998

Marda Mayo
Technical & Legal Info Systems
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Re: Project 99515/Lower Kenai Peninsula Regional Chronic Marine Oil Pollution Project

Dear Ms. Mayo:

The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council received more than \$25 million in proposals for Fiscal Year 1999. Unfortunately, it was not possible to fund all projects that were submitted.

In June I notified you of my recommendation that the Trustee Council not fund Project 99515/Lower Kenai Peninsula Regional Chronic Marine Oil Pollution Project. The Council acted on the FY 1999 Work Plan on August 13, 1998. This letter is to inform you that the Council accepted my recommendation and did not fund your project for FY 99. A copy of the Council's action on your project is enclosed.

I appreciate your interest in the restoration program and hope you will consider submitting proposals in future years.

Sincerely,


Molly McCammon
Executive Director

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cc: Alex Viteri, ADEC Liaison

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99515	Lower Kenai Peninsula Regional Chronic Marine Oil Pollution Project	M. Mayo/TLI Systems, Inc.	ADEC	New 1st yr. 2 yr. project	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
<u>Project Abstract</u>		<u>Chief Scientist's Recommendation</u>		<u>Trustee Council Action</u>					
This two-year community pilot planning and implementation project will reduce, control, and prevent chronic marine oil pollution, such as discharges of oily bilge water or pollution from other oil uses discharging into the coastal areas. Focus areas include Seward, Port Graham, Nanwalek, and Seldovia, with participation by Homer and Kenai. Control options include collection facilities including a collection boat, separators, filters, and oil burners. The purpose is to ensure that marine areas of the lower Kenai Peninsula affected by the oil spill are not further weakened by continuing oil contamination, and to improve and protect the marine environment of the Alaska SeaLife Center.		This proposal would apply proven waste management planning efforts to the lower Kenai Peninsula area. This proposal does not appear to have been extensively coordinated with the local communities (significant overlap with Project 99514 is noted). Budget detail is lacking. Do not fund.		Do not fund. Although the concepts presented in the proposal may have merit, there is no evidence that the proposal has been well coordinated with affected communities and budget detail is lacking.					

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John F. Piatt, Ph.D.
14722 NE 169th Street
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Glenn Ford, Ph.D.
Ecological Consulting, Inc.
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RE: Project 99488 / A Computerized Colony, Environment and Seabirds-at-Sea Database (ACCESS)

Dear Drs. Piatt and Ford:

The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council received more than \$25 million in proposals for Fiscal Year 1999. Unfortunately, it was not possible to fund all projects that were submitted.

In June I notified you of my recommendation that the Trustee Council not fund Project 99488/A Computerized Colony, Environment and Seabirds-at-Sea Database. The Council acted on the FY 1999 Work Plan on August 13, 1998. This letter is to inform you that the Council accepted my recommendation and did not fund your project for FY 99. A copy of the Council's action on your project is enclosed.

I appreciate your interest in the restoration program and hope you will consider submitting proposals in future years.

Sincerely,

Molly McCammon
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cc: Lisa Thomas, DOI-USGS Liaison

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99488	A Computerized Colony, Environment and Seabirds-at-Sea Database (ACCESS)	J. Piatt/USGS-BRD, G. Ford/Ecological Consulting, Inc.	DOI	New 1st yr. 3 yr. project	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
<p><u>Project Abstract</u></p> <p>A number of large databases, yet to be synthesized, contain detailed information on the pelagic distribution of seabirds in Alaska. If compiled into A Computerized Colony, Environment, and Seabirds-at-Sea database (ACCESS), this information could be used to monitor recovery of seabirds from oil spills, assess impacts of commercial fisheries on marine birds, monitor long-term changes in marine ecosystems, plan and manage marine reserves, model and predict the impact of future oil spills on seabird colony populations, and estimate population sizes of rare or threatened species. A directed effort is required to complete a database archive and retrieval system that can be easily accessed by specialists or non-expert user groups.</p>			<p><u>Chief Scientist's Recommendation</u></p> <p>I am persuaded that this proposal identifies an important problem, and properly archiving data would improve management of some injured species. However, the proposal is quite expensive, and seems to fall under normal agency management. It may be appropriate to consider in the context of the potential EVOS long-term monitoring program, but this proposal is premature in such a context. Do not fund.</p>			<p><u>Trustee Council Action</u></p> <p>Do not fund. This project would establish an easily accessible computerized database on seabirds. While there may be need for such a system, it would be most relevant to EVOS restoration in the context of the potential EVOS long-term monitoring program, on which a decision is not expected until Fall 1998. This is also a normal agency management function, and the proposal would be strengthened with substantial cost sharing.</p>			

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Grant Baker, Ph.D.
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Dr. Hubert P. Schroeder
University of Alaska Anchorage
School of Engineering
3211 Providence Drive
Anchorage, Alaska 99508

Re: Project 99474 / Endowment of the Environmental Restoration Center at the University of Alaska Anchorage

Dear Drs. Baker and Schroeder:

The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council acted on the Fiscal Year 1999 Work Plan at its meeting on August 13, 1998. In June I notified you of my recommendation that the Council not fund Project 99474 / Endowment of the Environmental Restoration Center at UAA as part of the work plan, but rather that this idea be addressed through the Restoration Reserve planning process currently underway. This letter is to inform you that the Council accepted my recommendation and did not fund your project for FY 99. A copy of the Council's action on your project is enclosed.

The Trustee Council is planning to discuss the Restoration Reserve at its next meeting, which is tentatively scheduled for September 29, 1998 in Juneau.

I appreciate your continuing interest in the restoration program.

Sincerely,

Molly McCammon
Executive Director

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cc: Claudia Slater, ADF&G Liaison
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99474	Endowment of the Environmental Restoration Center at the University of Alaska Anchorage	G. Baker, H. Schroeder/UAA	ADFG	New 1st yr. 1 yr. project	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
<u>Project Abstract</u> This project will establish an endowed environmental restoration center for research and community education at the University of Alaska Anchorage, within the School of Engineering. Establishing the center will achieve two goals. First, it will provide a mechanism for funding continuing recovery work and community education long after 2002 when funds are no longer received from Exxon Corporation. Such activities will help Alaska develop local expertise and permanent solutions for the protection and restoration of areas affected by the oil spill. Establishment of the center will also serve as a test program that will allow the Trustee Council to resolve existing questions for endowment of research centers and chairs.			<u>Chief Scientist's Recommendation</u> This project would establish an endowed environmental research center within the University of Alaska Anchorage School of Engineering. The legal and policy issues related to endowments are ones for the Trustee Council to address. However, the substantive content of the proposed research center is oriented toward oil-spill response technologies. This proposal is not closely linked to EVOS recovery objectives. Do not fund.			<u>Trustee Council Action</u> Do not fund. The Trustee Council anticipates making a decision on the use of the Restoration Reserve, and hence the future of the restoration program, in Fall 1998. The results of an extensive public process undertaken by the Restoration Office in March/April 1998 are currently under consideration by the Council. An endowment for the University of Alaska is among the suggestions received for use of the Reserve. Questions about the legal permissibility of an endowment under the current settlement agreement have been raised.			

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Gordon H. Reeves, Ph.D.
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Douglas F. Markle
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Corvallis, Oregon 97331

Re: Project 99472 / Growth Rates of Cutthroat Trout and Dolly Varden in Prince William Sound: Comparison of Populations in Oiled and Un-oiled Sites

Dear Dr. Reeves and Mr. Markle:

The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council received more than \$25 million in proposals for Fiscal Year 1999. Unfortunately, it was not possible to fund all projects that were submitted.

In June I notified you of my recommendation that the Trustee Council not fund Project 99472/Growth Rates of Cutthroat Trout and Dolly Varden in Prince William Sound: Comparison of Populations in Oiled and Un-oiled Sites. The Council acted on the FY 1999 Work Plan on August 13, 1998. This letter is to inform you that the Council accepted my recommendation and did not fund your project for FY 99. A copy of the Council's action on your project is enclosed.

I appreciate your interest in the restoration program and hope you will consider submitting proposals in future years.

Sincerely,


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99472	Growth Rates of Cutthroat Trout and Dolly Varden in Prince William Sound: Comparison of Populations in Oiled and Unoiled Sites	G. Reeves, D. Markle/USFS	USFS	New 1st yr. 3 yr. project	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
<u>Project Abstract</u> Dolly Varden and cutthroat trout are listed as injured resources whose recovery is unknown. They were originally listed as injured because studies following the oil spill found that growth rates of populations in oiled areas were less than those of populations in unoiled areas. This project will examine growth rates of populations in oiled and unoiled areas by comparing sites with similar geographic features. Results from this study will determine the status of these species.			<u>Chief Scientist's Recommendation</u> Given funding limitations, I prefer to see the current work in Project 99145 closed out and fully evaluated before considering any new additional work on cutthroat trout and Dolly Varden. Do not fund.		<u>Trustee Council Action</u> Do not fund. This proposal is premature before Project 1145 is closed out and evaluated.				

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August 21, 1998

Jennifer Moss Burns, Ph.D.
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University of California
Santa Cruz, California 95064

Re: Project 99464 / Physiological Condition of Juvenile Harbor Seals: Impacts of Age and Morphology

Dear Dr. Burns:

The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council received more than \$25 million in proposals for Fiscal Year 1999. Unfortunately, it was not possible to fund all projects that were submitted.

In June I notified you of my recommendation that the Trustee Council not fund Project 99464/Physiological Condition of Juvenile Harbor Seals: Impacts of Age and Morphology. The Council acted on the FY 1999 Work Plan on August 13, 1998. This letter is to inform you that the Council accepted my recommendation and did not fund your project for FY 99. A copy of the Council's action on your project is enclosed.

I appreciate your interest in the restoration program and hope you will consider submitting proposals in future years.

Sincerely,


Molly McCammon
Executive Director

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cc: Claudia Slater, ADF&G Liaison

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Proj.No.	Project Title	Proposer	Lead Agency	New or Cont'd	FY99 Fund	FY99 Defer	FY00 Estimate	FY01 Estimate	Total FY99-02
99464	Physiological Condition of Juvenile Harbor Seals: Impacts of Age and Morphology	J. Burns/UC Santa Cruz	ADFG	New 1st yr. 4 yr. project	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
<u>Project Abstract</u>		<u>Chief Scientist's Recommendation</u>		<u>Trustee Council Action</u>					
This project will characterize the morphological and physiological factors that limit the diving behavior and foraging efficiency of harbor seal pups. The size, body composition, oxygen stores and metabolic rates of healthy wild pups captured within Prince William Sound will be measured, and compared to values determined for animals that enter the Alaska SeaLife Center in need of rehabilitation. These comparisons will allow us to determine when and why harbor seal pups are most vulnerable to ecological disturbances, and to identify factors which have a high probability of impacting successful recruitment. Data collected in this study will be augmented by that collected in Prince William Sound in FY 98, and in California as part of a separate project.		While this proposal is of academic interest and presented by a well-qualified proposer, I am not convinced that the project would provide useful data regarding the factors controlling harbor seal populations. Previous research does not suggest that diving capability will be compromised in juvenile seals. Do not fund.		Do not fund. The Chief Scientist has raised significant concerns about the proposed methodology of this project. Furthermore, it is unclear how the results of this study would contribute to an understanding of factors limiting the recovery of harbor seals.					

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August 21, 1998

Gary Thomas, Ph.D.
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Jay Kirsch
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Re: Project 99438-BAA / Post - El Nino Changes in the Pacific Herring and Walleye Pollock Biomass in Prince William Sound

Dear Dr. Thomas and Mr. Kirsch:

The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council received more than \$25 million in proposals for Fiscal Year 1999. Unfortunately, it was not possible to fund all projects that were submitted.

In June I notified you of my recommendation that the Trustee Council not fund Project 99438-BAA/Post - El Nino Changes in the Pacific Herring and Walleye Pollock Biomass in Prince William Sound. The Council acted on the FY 1999 Work Plan on August 13, 1998. This letter is to inform you that the Council accepted my recommendation and did not fund your project for FY 99. A copy of the Council's action on your project is enclosed.

I appreciate your interest in the restoration program and hope you will consider submitting proposals in future years.

Sincerely,


Molly McCammon
Executive Director

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cc: Bruce Wright, NOAA Liaison
Sharon Kent, NOAA Contracting

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99438-BAA	Post-El Nino Changes in the Pacific Herring and Walleye Pollock Biomass in Prince William Sound	G. Thomas, J. Kirsch/PWSSC	NOAA	New 1st yr. 2 yr. project	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
<u>Project Abstract</u> This project will conduct post-El Nino surveys of prespawning herring and pollock in their winter refuges in FY 99. These surveys will aid the assessment of recruitment anomalies that occur after 1997. Estimates of herring and pollock abundances will be provided to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, and local fish processors. We will work with these management agencies to evaluate changes occurring to the populations since El Nino.		<u>Chief Scientist's Recommendation</u> This project is worth considering in the broader context of a monitoring program, but, since the dimensions of the potential long-term EVOS research and monitoring program are not yet known, this proposal is premature. Also, prespawning surveys of pollock and Pacific herring are, or certainly are close to, a normal agency management function. Do not fund.		<u>Trustee Council Action</u> Do not fund. This project appears to be premature in that the potential long-term EVOS research and monitoring program is not yet developed.					

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August 20, 1998

Lillian Elvsaas
Seldovia Native Tribe
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RE: Project 99410 / Lower Cook Inlet Youth Area Watch
Project 99483 / Seldovia Coho Salmon Enhancement

Dear Ms. Elvsaas:

The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council acted on the Fiscal Year 1999 Work Plan at its meeting on August 13, 1998. I am pleased to inform you that the Council approved expanding the Youth Area Watch program to include the addition of students from Port Graham, Nanwalek, and Seldovia as proposed in Project 99410/Lower Cook Inlet Youth Area Watch. For more information on how the Youth Area Watch project will operate in FY 99, please contact Hugh Short, the Trustee Council's Community Involvement Coordinator.

Regarding Project 99483/Seldovia Coho Salmon Enhancement, in June I notified you of my recommendation that the Trustee Council not fund this project. This letter is to inform you that the Council accepted my recommendation and did not fund this project for FY 99. A copy of the Council's action on this project, as well as on Project 99410, is enclosed.

I appreciate your interest in the restoration program and hope you will consider submitting proposals in future years.

Sincerely,


Molly McCammon *for*
Executive Director

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99410	Lower Cook Inlet Youth Area Watch	L. Elvsas/Seldovia Village Tribe	ADFG	New	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
	<u>Project Abstract</u>	<u>Chief Scientist's Recommendation</u>						<u>Trustee Council Action</u>	
	This project will create a Youth Area Watch program (similar to Project /210) for students from Seldovia, Port Graham, and Nanwalek. [NOTE: This proposal was submitted as an idea; if recommended for funding, a Detailed Project Description and detailed budget will need to be prepared.]	This proposal is modeled after Youth Area Watch (Project /210), which has been underway in the Prince William Sound region since FY 96. That project has been effective at involving youth in the restoration process, and expansion of the program to three communities in lower Cook Inlet seems reasonable. However, I would recommend that a modest amount of funds for this expansion be added to Project 99210, rather than setting up a separate administrative structure under Project 99410. Do not fund as a separate project.						Combine with Project 99210/Youth Area Watch.	

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99483	Seldovia Coho Salmon Enhancement	L. Elvsaas/Seldovia Village Tribe	ADFG	New	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
	<u>Project Abstract</u>	<u>Chief Scientist's Recommendation</u>				<u>Trustee Council Action</u>			
	This project will create a coho salmon return to Seldovia Bay as a means of enhancing subsistence resources. [NOTE: This proposal was submitted as an idea; if recommended for funding, a Detailed Project Description and detailed budget will need to be prepared.]	Proposal does not provide adequate explanation of need or relevance of project. There may be merit in local enhancement. However, the proposers have not provided enough information on the need for the project, and I am reluctant to undertake another local enhancement project that will not be self-sustaining this late in the restoration program. Do not fund.				Do not fund. At this time, ten years after the oil spill, there is not a compelling reason to begin a remote release project that is not self-sustaining.			

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Re: Project 99375 / Effect of Herring Egg Distribution and Ecology on Year-Class Strength and Adult Distribution
Project 99376 / Distribution and Ecology of Forage Fish and Effects on Herring Year-Class Strength

Dear Ms. Brown and Ms. Norcross:

The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council acted on the Fiscal Year 1999 Work Plan at its meeting on August 13, 1998. I am pleased to inform you that the Council approved funding in the amount of \$76,500 for Project 99375/Effect of Herring Egg Distribution and Ecology on Year-Class Strength and Adult Distribution. A copy of the Council's action on this project is enclosed.

In June I notified you of my recommendation that the Trustee Council not fund Project 99376/Distribution and Ecology of Forage Fish and Effects on Herring Year-Class Strength. The Council accepted my recommendation and did not fund Project 99376 for FY 99. A copy of the Council's action on this project is also enclosed.

Before Project 99375 may begin, the lead agency for the project must provide documentation to the Executive Director showing that the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) have been met. The lead agency must also execute a contract or Reimbursable Services Agreement with you. We hope that for most projects this will occur before October 1, 1998. If so, you may receive authorization from the Executive Director to begin the FY 99 project on that date. Any delay in documenting compliance or executing an RSA will delay the start of the project. If you have any questions, please contact the Trustee Council liaison for your lead agency.

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Thank you for your participation in the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill restoration program. We appreciate your continued interest, and look forward to working with you this coming year.

Sincerely,



Molly McCammon
Executive Director

Enclosure

cc: Claudia Slater, ADF&G Liaison

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99375	Effect of Herring Egg Distribution and Ecology on Year-Class Strength and Adult Distribution	E. Brown, B. Norcross/UAF	ADFG	New 1st yr. 2 yr. project	\$76.5	\$0.0	\$48.2	\$0.0	\$124.7
<u>Project Abstract</u> This project will examine the effect of Pacific herring egg distribution and abundance as well as oceanographic processes on year-class strength and adult distribution. Existing data will be used in the analysis. The findings of this study will aid in understanding stock structure and population dynamics of herring in Prince William Sound. This information will facilitate area-specific targeting of catches and provide scientific documentation of unpublished fishery data.			<u>Chief Scientist's Recommendation</u> This project will analyze 20 years of historical data on herring egg distribution and ecology and compare them to oceanographic factors in Prince William Sound. This project has high potential, although I have some question about the reliability and variability of the historical data and the strengths of the relationships to the physical data. These questions can only be resolved by undertaking the project. Fund.			<u>Trustee Council Action</u> Fund. This project has the potential to relate herring egg distribution and ecology to oceanographic factors in Prince William Sound and thereby contribute to improved fisheries management.			

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Proj.No.	Project Title	Proposer	Lead Agency	New or Cont'd	FY99 Fund	FY99 Defer	FY00 Estimate	FY01 Estimate	Total FY99-02
99376	Distribution and Ecology of Forage Fish and Effects on Herring Year-Class Strength	E. Brown, B. Norcross/UAF	ADFG	New 1st yr. 4 yr. project	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
<u>Project Abstract</u> This project will improve our understanding of trends in abundance of juvenile Pacific herring, sandlance, capelin, and eulachon. Several project objectives are included: (1) framing the distribution of fish in an oceanographic context, (2) examining how juvenile herring abundance and distribution affects year-class strength and adult distribution, and (3) continued collection of field data needed for analysis of longer-term trends. This project is cost effective since it builds on existing data. Geostatistical analyses and general additive models will be used to report significant findings. A long-term monitoring scheme is proposed.			<u>Chief Scientist's Recommendation</u> This proposal reflects our growing understanding of the ecological importance of forage fish and the value of improving our knowledge regarding the abundance and distribution of juvenile herring. Unfortunately, the proposal's objectives are too broad, which contributes to hypotheses that could be stronger and more focused. This proposal must be refined prior to implementation on this scale, which should be possible over the next few years as recent studies of forage fishes are completed and published and the nature of the potential EVOS long-term monitoring program is clarified. Do not fund.			<u>Trustee Council Action</u> Do not fund. The Chief Scientist has raised significant concerns about the scientific design of this project. The Trustee Council may consider funding a refined proposal after completion and publication of ongoing studies on forage fishes.			

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Re: Project 99371 / Effects of Harbor Seal Metabolism on Stable Isotope Ratio Tracers

Dear Dr. Schell:

The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council acted on the Fiscal Year 1999 Work Plan at its meeting on August 13, 1998. I am pleased to inform you that the Council approved funding in the amount of \$110,200 for Project 99371/Effects of Harbor Seal Metabolism on Stable Isotope Ratio Tracers. A copy of the Council's action on your project is enclosed.

Before a project may begin, the lead agency for the project must provide documentation to the Executive Director showing that the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) have been met. The lead agency must also execute a contract or Reimbursable Services Agreement with you. We hope that for most projects this will occur before October 1, 1998. If so, you may receive authorization from the Executive Director to begin the FY 99 project on that date. Any delay in documenting compliance or executing an RSA will delay the start of the project. If you have any questions, please contact the Trustee Council liaison for your lead agency.

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Thank you for your participation in the Exxon Valdez oil spill restoration program. We appreciate your continued interest, and look forward to working with you this coming year.

Sincerely,


Molly McCammon
Executive Director

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cc: Claudia Slater, ADF&G Liaison

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99371	Effects of Harbor Seal Metabolism on Stable Isotope Ratio Tracers	D. Schell/UAF	ADFG	New 1st yr. 3 yr. project	\$110.2	\$0.0	\$101.7	\$101.7	\$313.6
<u>Project Abstract</u>		<u>Chief Scientist's Recommendation</u>		<u>Trustee Council Action</u>					
A major concern with the use of stable isotope tracers in ecosystem studies is the fidelity with which ratios are transferred up food chains. Use of specific habitats or prey cannot be assessed if geographic gradients in isotope ratios are laid on top of trophic effects and/or prey switching. To remove these problems we will seek specific conservative biomarkers such as essential amino acids or fatty acids that carry isotope ratios unmodified by metabolism. Amino acids labeled with 15N and 13C will be used to follow transamination and carbon relocation during metabolic processes in the seals at the Alaska SeaLife Center. Specific fatty acid isolation and determination of suitability as habitat biomarkers will follow in years two and three of the project.		This project will provide detailed information at the level of specific amino and fatty acids about isotope effects in trophic transfer and provide insight into which compounds are synthesized and which can be acquired in the diet. The results of this project will improve the trophic tracer methodology. The revised proposal adds expertise in biochemistry, metabolism, and nutrition. Fund.		Fund revised Detailed Project Description, which adds expertise in biochemistry, metabolism, and nutrition. The results of this project will enable researchers to better understand the effects of diet on the recovery of harbor seals. [NOTE: Funding includes \$4,300 for Alaska SeaLife Center bench fees.]					

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Re: Project 99360-BAA / The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill: Guidance for Future Research Activities

Dear Dr. Elfring:

On August 13, 1998, the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council acted upon the Fiscal Year 1999 Work Plan. At that meeting, the Council voted to defer action on Project 99360-BAA/The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill: Guidance for Future Research Activities until the Council has made its decision on the Restoration Reserve (probably Fall 1998). The Council is tentatively scheduled to reconsider Project 99360 in mid-December. Please note that if funded, funding would be contingent on submittal and review of a revised Detailed Project Description that responds to the Chief Scientist's concerns.

At the August 13 meeting, the Trustee Council authorized projects totaling \$10.3 million. In December, 16 deferred projects totaling approximately \$1.4 million will be considered. The targeted amount for the FY 99 Work Plan is \$10-12 million, so it is possible that not all deferred projects will be funded.

Thank you for your participation in the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill restoration program. A copy of the Trustee Council's action on your project is enclosed. If you have questions, please contact the Trustee Council liaison for your lead agency.

Sincerely,


Molly McCammon
Executive Director

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cc: Bruce Wright, NOAA Liaison
Sharon Kent, NOAA Contracting

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99360-BAA	The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill: Guidance for Future Research Activities	C. Elfring/Polar Research Board, NRC	NOAA	New 1st yr. 3 yr. project	\$0.0	\$194.4	\$198.3	\$38.1	\$236.4
<u>Project Abstract</u>		<u>Chief Scientist's Recommendation</u>		<u>Trustee Council Action</u>					
The Polar Research Board will critique the scope, content, and structure of the draft science plan the Trustee Council is preparing to guide long-term research and monitoring in the northern Gulf of Alaska. The committee formed to accomplish this task will also review the damage assessment and restoration research and monitoring activities sponsored by the Trustee Council to determine if they were of appropriate scope and carried out effectively, as well as consider the extensive literature produced to identify data gaps and conflicting conclusions. The lessons learned from the retrospective review will give guidance on the nature and scope of future activities.		A review of the potential EVOS long-term research and monitoring program by the National Research Council is an important opportunity to further establish scientific credibility. However, this proposal needs significant revision prior to implementation. The review would be more effectively conducted jointly by the Board of Environmental Sciences and Toxicology and the Polar Research Board. The precise schedule by which the Trustee Council's potential long-term research and monitoring program would be available for the National Research Council review also needs to be clarified. It must be kept in mind that panel members are volunteers and achieving a retrospective overview of even limited topics within the damage assessment and restoration program will require review of very large quantities of information. Defer decision until a decision is made on the potential EVOS long-term research and monitoring program.		Defer decision on funding until Trustee Council makes its decision on the Restoration Reserve (probably Fall 1998). If funded, funding would be contingent on submittal and review of a revised Detailed Project Description that responds to the Chief Scientist's concerns. This project would provide independent scientific review of the potential EVOS long term research and monitoring program.					

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Re: Project 99347/Fatty Acid Profile and Lipid Class Analysis for Estimating Diet Composition and Quality at Different Trophic Levels
Project 99406/Field Examination of the Relation Between Phytoplankton Production of Fatty Acids and Uptake in Pacific Sand Lance
Project 99476/Effects of Oiled Incubation Substrate on Pink Salmon Reproduction

Dear Mr. Heintz:

The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council acted on the Fiscal Year 1999 Work Plan at its meeting on August 13, 1998. I am pleased to inform you that the Council approved funding in the amount of \$92,600 for Project 99347/Fatty Acid Profile and Lipid Class Analysis for Estimating Diet Composition and Quality at Different Trophic Levels and \$74,100 for Project 99476/Effects of Oiled Incubation Substrate on Pink Salmon Reproduction. A copy of the Council's action on these projects is enclosed.

In June I notified you of my recommendation that the Trustee Council not fund Project 99406/Field Examination of the Relation Between Phytoplankton Production of Fatty Acids and Uptake in Pacific Sand Lance. The Council accepted my recommendation and did not fund this project for FY 99. A copy of the Council's action on this project is also enclosed.

Before a project may begin, the lead agency for the project must provide documentation to the Executive Director showing that the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) have been met. We hope that for most projects this will occur before October 1, 1998. If so, you may receive authorization from the Executive Director to begin the FY 99 project on that date. Any delay in documenting compliance will delay the start of the project. If you have any questions, please contact the Trustee Council liaison for your lead agency.

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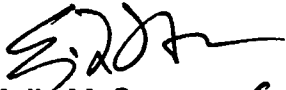
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(including agency general administration) is \$35,800 to complete the project in FY 2000. The future years' funding projection for Project 99476 (including agency general administration) is \$75,000 in FY 2000 and \$36,000 in FY 2001. These funding projections will be reviewed on an annual basis.

Thank you for your participation in the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill restoration program. We appreciate your continued interest, and look forward to working with you this coming year.

Sincerely,



Molly McCammon
Executive Director

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cc: Bruce Wright, NOAA Liaison

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99347	Fatty Acid Profile and Lipid Class Analysis for Estimating Diet Composition and Quality at Different Trophic Levels	R. Heintz/NOAA	NOAA	Cont'd 2nd yr. 3 yr. project	\$92.6	\$0.0	\$35.8	\$0.0	\$128.4

Project Abstract

This project will begin the systematic development of fatty acid profiles and lipid class analysis to identify diet differences and quality in forage fish and their prey. The spatial and temporal variability of fatty acid profiles in herring, sand lance, and zooplankton will be examined and related to the nutritional condition of these forage fish. The spatial comparisons, which began in FY 98, will provide insight into the energetic differences in forage fish in disparate parts of Prince William Sound. These comparisons are based on samples collected by APEX (Project /163). In FY 99, temporal comparisons will be made, which will provide information on the energetic changes that inevitably occur with seasonal, ontogenetic, and reproductive changes.

Chief Scientist's Recommendation

This project will provide information on variability in the fatty acid signatures of forage fish (herring and sand lance), which, in turn, will help interpret the fatty acid signatures of top predators, such as harbor seals and seabirds. This information will aid understanding of food limitations on the recovery of these predators. There was concern that research on the fatty acid signatures of the forage fishes' zooplankton prey was not likely to produce useful results, but the FY 99 work on zooplankton is limited to statistical analysis of previously gathered data. Thus, this project can be funded as now proposed.

Trustee Council Action

Fund. This project will extend work on fatty acids as a tool to identify the diets of seabirds and marine mammals. These data will help evaluate whether the availability and quality of prey are limiting recovery of several injured species.

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99406	Field Examination of the Relation Between Phytoplankton Production of Fatty Acids and Uptake in Pacific Sand Lance	R. Heintz/NOAA	NOAA	New 1st yr. 2 yr. project	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
<p><u>Project Abstract</u></p> <p>This project will assess the basic assumption underlying the use of fatty acid analysis for examining trophic relationships. This demonstration is important because Trustee Council research projects based on this assumption are underway. The project will demonstrate the propagation of fatty acids through a simple food web by sampling phytoplankton, zooplankton and sandlance before and after the spring plankton bloom in Kachemak Bay. This field study will be coupled with a laboratory study designed to examine the fate of fatty acids as they are transferred between trophic levels. Together these experiments will examine the plausibility of the central assumption underlying the analysis of fatty acid compositions for identifying diet.</p>			<p><u>Chief Scientist's Recommendation</u></p> <p>This proposal would examine changes in the fatty acid composition of sand lance before and after the spring plankton bloom and conduct other activities designed to understand the transformation of fatty acids as they pass to forage fish through the food web of Prince William Sound. A related project (/347) is providing information on variability of forage fish fatty acids as an aid to understanding how they might vary in their marine mammal predators, and there is other work (Project /371) recommended for funding in FY 99 that will also help interpret patterns being observed in marine mammals. It may be appropriate to investigate metabolic transformation of fatty acids in the lower portion of the food web after the projects supporting the marine mammal work have been completed and fully interpreted, but this work is premature at this time. Do not fund.</p>			<p><u>Trustee Council Action</u></p> <p>Do not fund. This project would expand on current research involving fatty acids as a means of determining the diets of seabirds and marine mammals. Although the work on fatty acids has produced exciting results, this project is premature until the projects supporting the marine mammal work have been completed and fully interpreted.</p>			

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99476	Effects of Oiled Incubation Substrate on Pink Salmon Reproduction	R. Heintz/NOAA	NOAA	New 1st yr. 3 yr. project	\$74.1	\$0.0	\$75.0	\$36.0	\$185.1

Project Abstract

This project will examine the effects of oil exposure during embryonic development on the gamete viability of pink salmon that survive to spawn. The objective is to determine if exposure to oil during incubation could explain the reduced gamete viability reported for pink salmon in Prince William Sound under Project /191A. In that study, gametes taken from pink salmon returning to oiled streams had higher mortality rates than gametes taken from salmon in unoiled streams. These data suggest a dramatic effect of oil on vertebrate reproduction that has not previously been described. The plausibility of reduced gamete viability is indicated by the effects demonstrated by Project /191B, which include reduced marine survival and growth of returning adults. However, this effect still requires unequivocal demonstration. This study is designed to make the demonstration and complete a model of life cycle impacts from incubating eggs in oiled gravel.

Chief Scientist's Recommendation

Although previous attempts to investigate this critical issue have been only partially successful, I support this project because of the importance of testing the effects of oil under controlled laboratory conditions to understand possible damages to pink salmon. The project has been strengthened by a commitment to obtain further assistance in fish reproductive biology to ensure high reproductive success in untreated control group fish. Alternative exposure methods, including use of exposures in the field, should also be investigated thoroughly. The proposal demonstrates excellent cost-sharing. Fund.

Trustee Council Action

Fund revised proposal, which includes the participation of an expert in the reproductive biology of fish. This project will validate the effects of oil contamination on pink salmon, thus contributing to our understanding of the injury to and recovery status of this injured species.

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RE: Project 99290 / Hydrocarbon Data Analysis, Interpretation, and Database Maintenance

Dear Mr. Short and Ms. Nelson:

The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council acted on the Fiscal Year 1999 Work Plan at its meeting August 13, 1998. I am pleased to inform you that the Council approved funding in the amount of \$58,900 for Project 99290/Hydrocarbon Data Analysis, Interpretation, and Database Maintenance contingent on providing the Chief Scientist a brief review of the expected workload for this project in FY 2000 and beyond. A copy of the Council's action on your project is enclosed. Please note that funding is included for the new objective of soliciting information from the Trustee agencies on what fatty acid/lipid data could potentially be included in a fatty acid database.

In addition to satisfying the condition specified above, before a project may begin the lead agency for the project must provide documentation to the Executive Director showing that the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) have been met. For most projects this will occur before October 1, 1998. If so, you may receive authorization from the Executive Director to begin the FY 99 project on that date. Any delay in satisfying the condition or documenting NEPA compliance will delay the start of the project. If you have any questions, please contact the Trustee Council liaison for your lead agency.

Projects approved for FY 99 are approved in the expectation that they will be funded to their completion. However, the Trustee Council will annually evaluate a project's future funding needs based on its progress or results to date, overall restoration needs, and restoration funding constraints. Regarding Project /290, the level of funding for FY 2000 and beyond will be determined following a review of the expected workload in future years.

Thank you for your participation in the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill restoration program. We appreciate your continued interest, and look forward to working with you this coming year.

Sincerely,


Molly McCammon
Executive Director

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99290	Hydrocarbon Data Analysis, Interpretation, and Database Maintenance	J. Short, B. Nelson/NOAA	NOAA	Cont'd 8th yr. 11 yr. project	\$58.9	\$0.0			\$58.9
<u>Project Abstract</u>		<u>Chief Scientist's Recommendation</u>		<u>Trustee Council Action</u>					
This project is a continuation of the Natural Resource Damage Assessment and restoration database management, sample storage, and interpretive service. New data will continue to be incorporated into the Trustee Council hydrocarbon database. Updated summary reports for investigators and managers will be produced along with an electronic copy of the data for all data queries. A database for pristane sample collection and analysis information will be maintained and a database will be initialed for fatty acid/lipid class composition sample collection and analysis for Auke Bay Lab projects funded by the Trustee Council.		This ongoing project proposes to expand the database to include pristane monitoring data and fatty acid analyses. I recommend the project be funded provided (1) a recommendation to the Chief Scientist be developed during FY 99 regarding the long-term management (including potential disposal) of the environmental samples in the archive, and (2) a brief review be provided to the Chief Scientist prior to the end of FY 98 regarding the expected workload for this project in the future. Fund contingent on addressing the second issue above.		Fund contingent on providing the Chief Scientist a brief review of the expected workload for this project in FY 2000 and beyond. In FY 99, two objectives are added: maintenance of a pristane data base (relative to Project /195) and identification of fatty acid/lipid data which potentially would be included in a data base. In addition, a recommendation should be developed during FY 99 regarding the long-term management (including potential disposal) of the environmental samples in the archive. In FY 2000 and beyond, the level of funding will be determined following a review of the expected workload in future years. This project is the ongoing analysis and interpretation of hydrocarbon data for other Trustee Council funded studies.					

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August 20, 1998

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Re: Project 99437 / Selecting and Propagating Local Spruce Resistant to the Tree Killing Spruce Beetle

Dear Dr. Alden:

The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council received more than \$25 million in proposals for Fiscal Year 1999. Unfortunately, it was not possible to fund all projects that were submitted.

In June I notified you of my recommendation that the Trustee Council not fund Project 99437/Selecting and Propagating Local Spruce Resistant to the Tree Killing Spruce Beetle. The Council acted on the FY 1999 Work Plan on August 13, 1998. This letter is to inform you that the Council accepted my recommendation and did not fund your project for FY 99. A copy of the Council's action on your project is enclosed.

I appreciate your interest in the restoration program and hope you will consider submitting proposals in future years.

Sincerely,


Molly McCammon
Executive Director

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cc: Claudia Slater, ADF&G Liaison

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99437	Selecting and Propagating Local Spruce Resistant to the Tree Killing Spruce Beetle	J. Alden/UAF	ADFG	New 1st yr. 2 yr. project	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
<u>Project Abstract</u>		<u>Chief Scientist's Recommendation</u>		<u>Trustee Council Action</u>					
This project will select and propagate spruce beetle resistant trees in an effort to secure and maintain a long term stable balance in the Picea - spruce beetle relationship. [NOTE: The proposal was not submitted in final form; the cost and duration estimates are rough.]		Although most spruce bark beetle impacts are not in coastal forests of prime concern from an EVOS standpoint, the current infestation has had an effect on some injured species (e.g., marbled murrelets). This project aims to breed beetle resistant spruce trees, which can be used to reforest infested areas. Any benefit to EVOS resources would be very long-term (many years), and I question the likelihood that results from this project will lead to a cost effective program that would result in reforestation on the very large, landscape scale affected by the beetles. Do not fund.		Do not fund. The Chief Scientist has raised significant concerns about the cost-effectiveness of the proposal given the limited effect of spruce bark beetle infestation on species injured by the oil spill.					

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August 20, 1998

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Re: Project 99415 / Prince William Sound & Kodiak Waste Management
Community Awareness Training Video and Manual

Dear M. Merrell and Mr. Hartwell:

The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council received more than \$25 million in proposals for Fiscal Year 1999. Unfortunately, it was not possible to fund all projects that were submitted.

In June I notified you of my recommendation that the Trustee Council not fund Project 99415/Prince William Sound & Kodiak Waste Management Community Awareness Training Video and Manual. The Council acted on the FY 1999 Work Plan on August 13, 1998. This letter is to inform you that the Council accepted my recommendation and did not fund your project for FY 99. A copy of the Council's action on your project is enclosed.

I appreciate your interest in the restoration program and hope you will consider submitting proposals in future years.

Sincerely,

Molly McCammon
Executive Director

Enclosure

cc: Alex Viteri, ADEC Liaison

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99415	Prince William Sound/Kodiak Waste Management Community Awareness Training Video and Manual	K. Merrell/PWSEDC, K. Hartwell/Wild North Productions	ADEC	New 1st yr. 1 yr. project	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
<u>Project Abstract</u>		<u>Chief Scientist's Recommendation</u>		<u>Trustee Council Action</u>					
This project will develop a community awareness video to facilitate implementation of the Prince William Sound Waste Management Plan (Project /115) and the Kodiak Island Borough Master Waste Management Plan (Project /304). The need for an awareness and training program to help villagers make use of new waste management procedures and the new drop-off sites is a logical extension of the waste management plans. Affected villages include Akhiok, Karluk, Larsen Bay, Old Harbor, Ouzinkie, Port Lions, Chiniak, Chenega Bay, and Tatitlek.		Training facility operators and encouraging use of waste management facilities are essential if restoration objectives are to be advanced. However, it is not clear that a video and manual are the most effective means of providing needed training and encouragement. Do not fund.		Do not fund. Public information about the Sound Waste Management Plan (Project /115) should be a routine operations cost. The cities and villages in Prince William Sound have committed themselves to operate and maintain the EVOS stations and used oil equipment funded by the Trustee Council. In addition, with regard to the Kodiak Island Waste Management Plan (Project /304), this proposal is premature as the plan has not yet been implemented.					

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Re: Project 99411 / Juvenile Herring and Walleye Pollock Overwintering During an El Nino Event

Dear Drs. Stokesbury and Paul:

The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council received more than \$25 million in proposals for Fiscal Year 1999. Unfortunately, it was not possible to fund all projects that were submitted.

In June I notified you of my recommendation that the Trustee Council not fund Project 99411/Juvenile Herring and Walleye Pollock Overwintering During an El Nino Event. The Council acted on the FY 1999 Work Plan on August 13, 1998. This letter is to inform you that the Council accepted my recommendation and did not fund your project for FY 99. A copy of the Council's action on your project is enclosed.

I appreciate your interest in the restoration program and hope you will consider submitting proposals in future years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'M. McCammon', with a small flourish at the end.

Molly McCammon
Executive Director

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cc: - Claudia Slater, ADF&G Liaison

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99411	Juvenile Herring and Walleye Pollock Overwintering During an El Nino Event	K. Stokesbury, A.J. Paul/UAF	ADFG	New 1st yr. 3 yr. project	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
<u>Project Abstract</u>		<u>Chief Scientist's Recommendation</u>		<u>Trustee Council Action</u>					
El Nino events are sources of thermal perturbations that marine organisms must adapt to. Year class strength of herring and pollock are strongly influenced by physical and biological conditions occurring during the juvenile phase; overwintering conditions appear to be critical. This project's hypothesis is that the 1998 El Nino event could bring about herring and pollock prey availability fluctuations and shifts in metabolic rates, thus altering nutritional status and survival. This hypothesis will be tested by comparing relative abundance, distribution, whole body energy, and feeding ecology of juvenile herring and pollock in nursery areas before, during, and after the El Nino event.		While this proposal has significant academic merit and is likely to detect El Nino effects, what the proposal would contribute to our understanding of the variability of year-class strength in herring and pollock is unclear. While preliminary data suggest that overwintering survival is important for herring recruitment, this proposal is unlikely to elucidate mechanisms that will improve our ability to predict year-class strength, except perhaps in the extreme conditions of an El Nino year. The proposal also contains inadequate evidence of coordination with Project 99436/Oceanography of Prince William Sound Bays and Fjords. Do not fund.		Do not fund. It is unclear how the results of this study would contribute to the restoration of herring.					

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Re: Project 99409 / Investigations of Salmon Shark Diet and Predation on Injured Resources in Prince William Sound
Project 99425 / Description of Rockfish Distribution and Habitat Preference Based on Underwater Video from Prince William Sound and Surrounding Areas

Dear Ms. Brase:

The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council received more than \$25 million in proposals for Fiscal Year 1999. Unfortunately, it was not possible to fund all projects that were submitted.

In June I notified you of my recommendation that the Trustee Council not fund projects 99409/Investigations of Salmon Shark Diet and Predation on Injured Resources in Prince William Sound and 99425/Description of Rockfish Distribution and Habitat Preference Based on Underwater Video from Prince William Sound and Surrounding Areas. The Council acted on the FY 1999 Work Plan on August 13, 1998. This letter is to inform you that the Council accepted my recommendation and did not fund these projects for FY 99. A copy of the Council's action on these projects is enclosed.

I appreciate your interest in the restoration program and hope you will consider submitting proposals in future years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Molly McCammon'.

Molly McCammon
Executive Director

Enclosures

cc: Bruce Wright, NOAA Liaison
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Proj.No.	Project Title	Proposer	Lead Agency	New or Cont'd	FY99 Fund	FY99 Defer	FY00 Estimate	FY01 Estimate	Total FY99-02
99409	Investigations of Salmon Shark Diet and Predation on Injured Resources in Prince William Sound	A. Brase/NOAA	NOAA	New 1st yr. 3 yr. project	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
<u>Project Abstract</u> The salmon shark is the predominant large predatory fish species in Prince William Sound. Anecdotal evidence suggests a dramatic increase in salmon shark biomass within the oil spill region in recent years. In areas of high abundance, salmon sharks have the potential to significantly impact a number of spill-injured species in the region. Salmon sharks are known predators of pink salmon, rockfish, and Pacific herring, and are potential predators of marine birds and harbor seals. This study of the spatial and temporal variation in the diets of Prince William Sound salmon sharks will help fill a void in our understanding of the trophic interactions of these sharks with spill injured resources.			<u>Chief Scientist's Recommendation</u> Although it is true that we do not understand the feeding habits of salmon sharks in Prince William Sound, this proposal would have been more compelling if existing information on this family of sharks was used to develop a quantitative justification for the importance of these species as apex predators. Do not fund.			<u>Trustee Council Action</u> Do not fund. This project would study the diets of salmon sharks. The possible effects of predation by salmon sharks on fish and wildlife injured by the oil spill is of potential interest, but the proposal does not sufficiently justify the possible impacts of this predation based on existing information. As with Project 99408, there also is the issue of the degree to which the needed information is a normal agency management function, especially in view of growing fishing pressure on this species.			

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99425	Description of Rockfish Distribution and Habitat Preference Based on Underwater Video From Prince William Sound and Surrounding Areas	A. Brase/NOAA	NOAA	New 1st yr. 2 yr. project	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
<u>Project Abstract</u>		<u>Chief Scientist's Recommendation</u>		<u>Trustee Council Action</u>					
Rockfish are one of the least understood commercially important species in Prince William Sound due to the inaccessibility of their habitat. Submersible videotape exists from a 1989 oil spill damage assessment study and may be a valuable resource for understanding the ecology of rockfish and other demersal species. The videotape from the 1989 study has never been analyzed for the ecological information it may provide. This project will analyze the archived video tapes and accompanying data-sheets and produce a report on rockfish and other demersal species and their association and utilization of both substrate and epifauna.		This project is potentially worthwhile because of the information it might provide on rockfish habitats. However, without a preliminary characterization of the content and quality of the videotape, there simply is not sufficient information to judge whether this investment is worthwhile. Do not fund.		Do not fund. This project would provide for the analysis of previously gathered videotape which could aid understanding of rockfish. While this project could improve understanding of rockfish habitat preferences, which would be useful (see Project 99354), there is need for a preliminary characterization of the content and quality of the videotape. This is an investment that should come from the responsible management agencies.					

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Kenneth J. Goldman, Ph.D.
Virginia Institute of Marine Sciences
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Gloucester Point, VA 23062

Re: Project 99408-BAA / Aspects of Salmon Shark Ecology in Alaskan Waters

Dear Drs. Musick and Goldman:

The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council received more than \$25 million in proposals for Fiscal Year 1999. Unfortunately, it was not possible to fund all projects that were submitted.

In June I notified you of my recommendation that the Trustee Council not fund Project 99408-BAA/Aspects of Salmon Shark Ecology in Alaskan Waters. The Council acted on the FY 1999 Work Plan on August 13, 1998. This letter is to inform you that the Council accepted my recommendation and did not fund your project for FY 99. A copy of the Council's action on your project is enclosed.

I appreciate your interest in the restoration program and hope you will consider submitting proposals in future years.

Sincerely,


Molly McCammon *for*
Executive Director

Enclosure

cc: Claudia Slater, ADF&G Liaison
Bruce Wright, NOAA Liaison
Sharon Kent, NOAA Contracting

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99408-BAA	Aspects of Salmon Shark Ecology in Alaska Waters	J. Musick, K. Goldman/Virginia Institute of Marine Science	ADFG	New 1st yr. 3 yr. project	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
<u>Project Abstract</u>		<u>Chief Scientist's Recommendation</u>		<u>Trustee Council Action</u>					
Salmon sharks are the apex pelagic fish predator in Gulf of Alaska waters and Prince William Sound, yet their ecological role is largely unknown due to lack of information on their biology and life history. In an effort to define the ecological role of salmon sharks, a cooperative program between the Virginia Institute of Marine Science and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game was established in 1997. Results from this study will make a substantial contribution towards better understanding ecosystem function in the Gulf of Alaska and Prince William Sound, and will also foster responsible population management.		This is a potentially good study, although there are some questions about the methods, including sample design. The salmon shark is not an EVOS-injured species, although work on this species is of importance in an ecological context. Much of the information required ideally should be obtained as a matter of normal agency management. Do not fund.		Do not fund. This project would study the ecological role of salmon sharks in the Prince William Sound ecosystem. Salmon sharks are not on the Trustee Council's injured resources list. Although they are of ecological interest and there is need to gather basic information in relation to growing fishing pressure, this is an expensive project and gathering basic information for purposes of population management is most appropriately a normal agency management function.					

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August 20, 1998

Robert Spangler
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Re: Project 99383 / Distribution Study of Cutthroat Trout and Dolly Varden in
Prince William Sound

Dear Mr. Spangler:

The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council received more than \$25 million in proposals for Fiscal Year 1999. Unfortunately, it was not possible to fund all projects that were submitted.

In June I notified you of my recommendation that the Trustee Council not fund Project 99383/Distribution Study of Cutthroat Trout and Dolly Varden in Prince William Sound. The Council acted on the FY 1999 Work Plan on August 13, 1998. This letter is to inform you that the Council accepted my recommendation and did not fund your project for FY 99. A copy of the Council's action on your project is enclosed.

I appreciate your interest in the restoration program and hope you will consider submitting proposals in future years.

Sincerely,


Molly McCammon
Executive Director

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cc: Ken Holbrook, USFS Liaison

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99383	Distribution Study of Cutthroat Trout and Dolly Varden in Prince William Sound	R. Spangler/USFS	USFS	New 1st yr. 3 yr. project	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
<u>Project Abstract</u> Significant gaps in knowledge exist regarding the distribution of cutthroat trout and Dolly Varden, particularly in western Prince William Sound. Without such basic information, determining the effect of the spill or implementing prudent management techniques for recovery is very difficult. This project will investigate watersheds that have a high likelihood of containing these species to further describe the population distributions. The results of this study, when combined with these other findings, will provide a more complete picture of these species in Prince William Sound and will greatly assist managers in future restoration and conservation efforts.			<u>Chief Scientist's Recommendation</u> This project identifies an important issue of additional fishing pressure on cutthroat trout and Dolly Varden in western Prince William Sound, and proposes a cost-effective assessment of populations. However, the sampling is likely to be informed by Project /145, and so this project should not go forward until the final results of Project /145 are available. Do not fund.			<u>Trustee Council Action</u> Do not fund. This project would identify additional streams with cutthroat trout and Dolly Varden in Prince William Sound. However, the current work on these species in Project \145 must be closed out and evaluated before there is consideration of any additional work.			

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August 20, 1998

Mark Willette
ADF&G/CFMD
PO Box 669
Cordova, Alaska 99574-0669

Re: Project 99191A / Field Examination of Oil-Related Embryo Mortalities in Pink Salmon Populations in Prince William Sound
Project 99354 / Development of Habitat-Based Population Assessment for Nearshore Rockfish Along the Northern Gulf of Alaska

Dear Mr. Willette:

The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council acted on the Fiscal Year 1999 Work Plan at its meeting on August 13, 1998. I am pleased to inform you that the Council approved funding in the amount of \$58,400 for Project 99191A/Field Examination of Oil-Related Embryo Mortalities in Pink Salmon Populations in Prince William Sound. A copy of the Council's action on your project is enclosed. Please note funding is for project close-out (data analysis and report writing only).

In regard to Project 99354/Development of Habitat-Based Population Assessment for Nearshore Rockfish Along the Northern Gulf of Alaska, in June I notified you of my recommendation that the Trustee Council not fund this project. The Council accepted my recommendation at its August 13 meeting and did not fund your project for FY 99. A copy of the Council's action on this project is also enclosed.

Before a project may begin, the lead agency for the project must provide documentation to the Executive Director showing that the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) have been met. We hope that for most projects this will occur before October 1, 1998. If so, you may receive authorization from the Executive Director to begin the FY 99 project on that date. Any delay in documenting compliance will delay the start of the project. If you have any questions, please contact the Trustee Council liaison for your lead agency.

Thank you for your participation in the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill restoration program. We appreciate your continued interest, and look forward to working with you this coming year.

Sincerely,


Molly McCammon
Executive Director

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cc: Claudia Slater, ADF&G Liaison

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99191A-CLO	Field Examination of Oil-Related Embryo Mortalities in Pink Salmon Populations in Prince William Sound	M. Willette/ADFG	ADFG	Cont'd 8th yr. 8yr. project	\$58.4	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$58.4
<u>Project Abstract</u> Embryo mortality was elevated in oil-affected streams during the falls of 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, and 1993 (P less than 0.023 for all years). However, no statistical difference was observed in the falls of 1994, 1995, and 1996 (P greater than 0.473). In 1997, elevated mortalities in oil-affected streams were again seen (P=0.033). Possible causes for this result are currently being investigated. The purpose of this project is to monitor the recovery of pink salmon embryos in the field. This is the final close-out year for the project.			<u>Chief Scientist's Recommendation</u> This is an excellent project, which is needed for completion of damage assessment studies on early life stages of salmon. Fund revised proposal, which references the analysis of egg mortality through 1997.			<u>Trustee Council Action</u> Fund closeout (final data analysis and report writing) of this project, which represents the major monitoring effort for the ongoing injury to and recovery of pink salmon. The final report will summarize results from ten years of monitoring embryo mortality rates in oiled and nonoiled streams.			

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99354	Development of Habitat-Based Population Assessment for Nearshore Rockfish Along the Northern Gulf of Alaska	M. Willette/ADFG	ADFG	New 1st yr. 4 yr. project	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
<p><u>Project Abstract</u></p> <p>Lost fishing opportunities for salmon and herring as a result of the oil spill, coupled with greater recreational effort, has increased exploitation of nearshore rockfish resources in recent years. This project will coalesce a variety of complementary habitat-specific population assessment methods (transect dive survey, multiple mark-resighting, hydroacoustics, and underwater video stations) for application to nearshore rockfish assemblages. The project will also collect rockfish tissue samples and live specimens for genetic analysis under Project /252. Project results will be used to identify essential habitat for nearshore rockfishes.</p>			<p><u>Chief Scientist's Recommendation</u></p> <p>This project would employ a habitat-based approach to assessing rockfish populations, but present understanding of what constitutes rockfish habitat is limited. The proposal has minimal discussion about what constitutes rockfish habitat and of how the principal investigators propose to make this determination. Basic methods cited are appropriate, but the mathematical representation of the transect method has problems. This project could make a contribution to rockfish management, but the uncertainty about habitat is problematic. Do not fund.</p>			<p><u>Trustee Council Action</u></p> <p>Do not fund. This project would improve the ability of fisheries managers to assess the status of habitat-specific rockfish populations. This is an expensive project, however, and the Chief Scientist has raised a number of technical concerns.</p>			

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Michael R. Yarborough
3504 East 67th Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska 99507

Re: Project 99298 / Public Brochure on Archaeology at the Alaska SeaLife Center

Dear Mr. Yarborough:

The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council received more than \$25 million in proposals for Fiscal Year 1999. Unfortunately, it was not possible to fund all projects that were submitted.

In June I notified you of my recommendation that the Trustee Council not fund Project 99298/Public Brochure on Archaeology at the Alaska SeaLife Center. The Council acted on the FY 1999 Work Plan on August 13, 1998. This letter is to inform you that the Council accepted my recommendation and did not fund your project for FY 99. A copy of the Council's action on your project is enclosed.

I appreciate your interest in the restoration program and hope you will consider submitting proposals in future years.

Sincerely,

Molly McCammon
Executive Director

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cc: Bud Rice, DOI-NPS Liaison

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99298	Public Brochure on Archaeology at the Alaska SeaLife Center	M. Yarborough/Cultural Resource Consultants	DOI	New 1st yr. 1 yr. project	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
<u>Project Abstract</u> This project will produce a public brochure describing archaeological research undertaken during construction of the Alaska SeaLife Center in Seward. The brochure will contain both historic photographs and maps of the Seward waterfront, and photographs and drawings from the archaeological investigations. It will focus on research at the Lowell Homestead, the earliest American settlement in Seward. This publication will give the general public a sense of what has been learned from archaeology at the SeaLife Center, and an understanding of the richness and importance of heritage resources in the oil spill area. The proposal includes production of the manuscript for the brochure and 2,000 copies.		<u>Chief Scientist's Recommendation</u> A brochure on the archaeology at the site of the Alaska SeaLife Center is not a priority. Do not fund.		<u>Trustee Council Action</u> Do not fund. The proposer is encouraged to work directly with the Alaska SeaLife Center, the City of Seward, or the Chugach Heritage Center on this project idea.					

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Robert H. Day, Ph.D.
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Fairbanks, Alaska 99708-0410

Re: Project 99287-BAA / Seabird-Oceanographic Relationships in the Northern Gulf of Alaska: Integration with NSF Study "GLOBEC"
Project 99442-BAA / Population Trends and Productivity of Kittlitz's Murrelet in Prince William Sound

Dear Dr. Day:

The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council received more than \$25 million in proposals for Fiscal Year 1999. Unfortunately, it was not possible to fund all projects that were submitted.

In June I notified you of my recommendation that the Trustee Council not fund projects 99287-BAA/Seabird-Oceanographic Relationships in the Northern Gulf of Alaska: Integration with NSF Study "GLOBEC" and 99442-BAA/Population Trends and Productivity of Kittlitz's Murrelet in Prince William Sound. The Council acted on the FY 1999 Work Plan on August 13, 1998. This letter is to inform you that the Council accepted my recommendation and did not fund these projects for FY 99. A copy of the Council's action on these projects is enclosed.

I appreciate your interest in the restoration program and hope you will consider submitting proposals in future years.

Sincerely,


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99287-BAA	Seabird-Oceanographic Relationships in the Northern Gulf of Alaska: Integration with NSF Study "GLOBEC"	R. Day/ABR, Inc.	NOAA	New 1st yr. 2 yr. project	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
<u>Project Abstract</u>		<u>Chief Scientist's Recommendation</u>		<u>Trustee Council Action</u>					
This project will conduct a two-year study of seabirds in the Northern Gulf of Alaska (Aialik Bay to Montague Island) by using a ship-of-opportunity sampling platform that is being used by the National Science Foundation project "GLOBEC" (Global Ocean Ecosystem Dynamics), which also will provide access to an extensive series of oceanographic data. The project will identify ecological processes affecting temporal (seasonal and interannual) and geographic variation in the distribution and abundance of seabirds, including species that were injured by the oil spill. It also will be useful to the restoration program by providing data on the year-round status of seabird populations and the processes that influence variation in their numbers.		This project would take advantage of a "ship of opportunity" to assess numbers, composition, and distribution of seabirds in relation to oceanographic factors along the "Seward line." The principal investigator is very good and the opportunity for additional collaboration with a GLOBEC project (they are funding the ship) is attractive. The proposed work, however, would fit most appropriately in the context of a long-term monitoring and research program, and it makes relatively little contribution in the near-term to the understanding of recovery of seabirds injured by the oil spill. Notwithstanding significant cost sharing by the proposers and GLOBEC, this is an expensive project. Do not fund.		Do not fund. This project would survey seabirds at sea in relation to oceanographic features in the northern Gulf of Alaska. While this is an excellent opportunity for collaboration with GLOBEC and there is good cost sharing, this project is not directly related to current EVOS recovery objectives. This type of work may be most appropriate in the context of the potential EVOS long-term research and monitoring program and is premature at this time.					

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99442-BAA	Population Trends and Productivity of Kittlitz's Murrelet in Prince William Sound	R. Day/ABR, Inc.	NOAA	New 1st yr. 2 yr. project	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
<u>Project Abstract</u>		<u>Chief Scientist's Recommendation</u>		<u>Trustee Council Action</u>					
This project will conduct a fourth and fifth year of investigations on the status and ecology of Kittlitz's murrelet, a rare seabird breeding in glaciated fjords of Prince William Sound. The project will emphasize evaluating population trends and productivity and will continue efforts from our previous project (/142) to evaluate the distribution and abundance, habitat use, and trophic position of this little-known seabird in northwestern Prince William Sound. Given uncertainty about population trends and productivity of this species, additional sampling is required to ensure its long-term conservation.		The proposal would extend current work on Kittlitz's murrelets for another two years. To date, the work on this species has been excellent and is providing useful information on an injured species about which very little is known. The apparent lack of murrelet production in the first two years of this study is of concern. However, the work is very expensive, particularly considering the benefit to only a single species, and I would like to see the current work fully concluded and evaluated. Do not fund.		Do not fund. This project would add two years to the work in Prince William Sound on Kittlitz's murrelet (Project /142, which is closing out in FY 98). The Kittlitz's murrelet is a small, rare, little-known seabird that was injured by the oil spill. The current project has been very good. However, the current work should be fully closed out and the recovery status of and objectives for this species reevaluated before more work is considered.					

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August 20, 1998

Jon Isaacs
Dames & Moore
5600 B Street Suite 100
Anchorage, Alaska 99518

Re: Project 99230 / Valdez Duck Flats Conceptual Management Plan

Dear Mr. Isaacs:

The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council received more than \$25 million in proposals for Fiscal Year 1999. Unfortunately, it was not possible to fund all projects that were submitted.

In June I notified you of my recommendation that the Trustee Council not fund Project 99230/Valdez Duck Flats Conceptual Management Plan. The Council acted on the FY 1999 Work Plan on August 13, 1998. This letter is to inform you that the Council accepted my recommendation and did not fund your project for FY 99. A copy of the Council's action on your project is enclosed.

I appreciate your interest in the restoration program and hope you will consider submitting proposals in future years.

Sincerely,


Molly McCammon
Executive Director

Enclosure

cc: Carol Fries, ADNR Liaison

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Proj.No.	Project Title	Proposer	Lead Agency	New or Cont'd	FY99 Fund	FY99 Defer	FY00 Estimate	FY01 Estimate	Total FY99-02
99230	Valdez Duck Flats Conceptual Management Plan	J. Isaacs/PWSEDC	ADNR	Cont'd 2nd yr. 2 yr. project	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0

Project Abstract

The Valdez Duck Flats Conceptual Management Plan is being completed in FY 98 (Project 97230). Project continuation in FY 99 is dependent on successful acquisition of parcels of property from the University of Alaska and a private owner. However, it is appropriate to initiate design of a monitoring and public information program related to the Duck Flats, sensitivity to impact, and relationship to resources injured in the oil spill. The Prince William Sound Economic Development Council will work with the cooperating agency group, the City of Valdez, the Valdez School district and the Prince William Sound Community College in developing a suitable monitoring and education program.

Chief Scientist's Recommendation

This project would explore development of a baseline monitoring project on the Valdez Duck Flats and also further develop concepts related to public education about the value of the Duck Flats as sensitive habitat for EVOS-injured fish and wildlife. The proposal contains some good and worthwhile ideas, but the substance of the proposal is not compelling. In addition, acquisition of key parcels on the Duck Flats has not been brought to closure. Do not fund.

Trustee Council Action

Do not fund. The Trustee Council may consider proposals to implement the concept plan for the Valdez Duck Flats (Project 97230) when and if the small parcels on the Duck Flats have been acquired and the City of Valdez has endorsed the plan and submitted a comprehensive package that shows cost-sharing and plans for long-term operation and maintenance.

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August 20, 1998

Alex Viteri
Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
410 Willoughby Avenue Suite 105
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1795

Re: Project 99514 / Lower Cook Inlet Waste Management Plan

Dear Mr. Viteri:

The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council acted on the Fiscal Year 1999 Work Plan at its meeting on August 13, 1998. I am pleased to inform you that the Council approved funding in the amount of \$54,500 for Project 99514/Lower Cook Inlet Waste Management Plan. A copy of the Council's action on the project is enclosed. Please note that the Council has committed to fund only the study phase of the project, but may consider a proposal to contribute to implementation of the project after evaluation of the planning and engineering report being prepared in FY 99.

Before a project may begin, the lead agency for the project must provide documentation to the Executive Director showing that the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) have been met. We hope that for most projects this will occur before October 1, 1998. If so, you may receive authorization from the Executive Director to begin the FY 99 project on that date. Any delay in documenting compliance will delay the start of the project. If you have any questions, please contact the Restoration Office.

Thank you for your participation in the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill restoration program. We look forward to working with you this coming year.

Sincerely,


Molly McCammon *fa*
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99514	Lower Cook Inlet Waste Management Plan	A. Viteri/ADEC	ADEC	New 1st yr. 1 yr. project	\$54.5	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$54.5

Project Abstract

This project will assess the pollutants reaching the marine environment in proximity to the communities of Port Graham, Nanwalek, and Seldovia and draft recommendations to address each of the identified problems. Following the model of the Sound Waste Management Plan (Project /115) and the Kodiak Island Waste Management Plan (Project /304), this project is designed to address marine pollution from land-based sources and identify methods to help restore injured resources in these coastal communities.

Chief Scientist's Recommendation

As originally proposed, this project would have extended proven waste management strategies to the outer Kenai Peninsula communities. It would first be prudent to conduct a more careful planning effort, and this is what the revised Detailed Project Description proposes. Fund.

Trustee Council Action

Fund revised Detailed Project Description, which reduces the scope of the FY 99 effort to planning and engineering only. The Trustee Council may consider a proposal to contribute to implementation of the project after evaluation of the planning and engineering report. This project is designed to improve handling of used oil in spill-affected villages on the southern Kenai Peninsula. The purpose of the planning and engineering effort will be to document the nature of the problem and customize solutions to the needs of each community and to their commitment to ongoing maintenance.

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August 20, 1998

John F. Piatt, Ph.D.
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Woodinville, Washington 98072

Alexander S. Kitaysky, Ph.D.
University of Washington Zoology Department
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PO Box 351800
Seattle, Washington 98195-0005

Re: Project 99479 / Effects of Food Stress on Survival and Reproductive Performance of Seabirds

Dear Drs. Piatt and Kitaysky:

The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council acted on the Fiscal Year 1999 Work Plan at its meeting on August 13, 1998. I am pleased to inform you that the Council approved funding in the amount of \$84,700 for Project 99479/Effects of Food Stress on Survival and Reproductive Performance of Seabirds. A copy of the Council's action on your project is enclosed.

Before a project may begin the lead agency for the project must provide documentation to the Executive Director showing that the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) have been met. For most projects this will occur before October 1, 1998. If so, you may receive authorization from the Executive Director to begin the FY 99 project on that date. Any delay in documenting NEPA compliance will delay the start of the project. If you have any questions, please contact the Trustee Council liaison for your lead agency.

Projects approved for FY 99 are approved in the expectation that they will be funded to their completion. However, the Trustee Council will annually evaluate a project's future funding needs based on its progress or results to date, overall restoration needs, and restoration funding constraints. The future years' funding projection for your project (including agency general administration) is \$125,200 in FY 2000 and \$129,600 in FY 2001. Funding projections will be reviewed on an annual basis.

Thank you for your participation in the Exxon Valdez oil spill restoration program. We appreciate your continued interest, and look forward to working with you this coming year.

Sincerely,


Molly McCammon
Executive Director

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cc: Lisa Thomas, DOI-USGS Liaison
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Proj.No.	Project Title	Proposer	Lead Agency	New or Cont'd	FY99 Fund	FY99 Defer	FY00 Estimate	FY01 Estimate	Total FY99-02
99479	Effects of Food Stress on Survival and Reproductive Performance of Seabirds	J. Piatt/USGS-BRD, A. Kitaysky/Univ. of Washington	DOI	New 1st yr. 4 yr. project	\$84.7	\$0.0	\$125.2	\$129.6	\$414.5
<u>Project Abstract</u>		<u>Chief Scientist's Recommendation</u>		<u>Trustee Council Action</u>					
This project will measure the rise in blood levels of stress hormones such as corticosterone in response to a standardized stressor: capture, handling and restraint. This well-known response (found throughout vertebrates from fish to mammals) provides a strong assessment of whether or not a free-living population is chronically stressed or, if baseline levels of corticosterone appear normal, the stress-induced increase in corticosterone indicates potential for stress. This "field endocrinology" approach provides exact information on current stress status and the potential for stress in relation to quality and abundance of food. The project will investigate seabirds breeding in lower Cook Inlet and also use captive birds for controlled experiments.		The original proposal was not viewed as a priority for funding, but corticosterone data that became available this summer from experimental and pilot studies in lower Cook Inlet indicates that blood concentrations of corticosterone in both murre and black-legged kittiwakes can reflect food stress. It may be possible, therefore, to estimate food stress in seabird colonies in future studies of the northern Gulf of Alaska. The possible cost efficiencies over establishing long-term field camps to track food availability in nesting seabirds are potentially very significant. Fund.		Fund revised Detailed Project Description, which deletes Alaska SeaLife Center component in FY 99. This project will explore the use of corticosterone, a biochemical indicator of stress, as a tool to monitor seabird populations. This project will supplement data on food limitations being gathered in the APEX project (/163) and may lead to development of an effective and efficient monitoring technique.					

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Richard Kocan, Ph.D.
University of Washington
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Seattle, Washington 98195

Re: Project 99463 / Ecological Significance of Juvenile Herring Diseases and
their Effect on Subsistence Spawner Recruitment in Prince William Sound
and Southeast Alaska

Dear Dr. Kocan:

The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council received more than \$25 million in proposals for Fiscal Year 1999. Unfortunately, it was not possible to fund all projects that were submitted.

In June I notified you of my recommendation that the Trustee Council not fund Project 99463/Ecological Significance of Juvenile Herring Diseases and their Effect on Subsistence Spawner Recruitment in Prince William Sound and Southeast Alaska. This letter is to inform you that the Council accepted my recommendation and did not fund this project for FY 99. A copy of the Council's action on this project is enclosed.

I appreciate your interest in the restoration program and hope you will consider submitting proposals in future years.

Sincerely,

Molly McCammon
Executive Director

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cc: Claudia Slater, ADF&G Liaison

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99463	Ecological Significance of Juvenile Herring Diseases and Their Effect on Subsequent Spawner Recruitment in Prince William Sound and Southeast Alaska	R. Kocan/Univ. of Washington	ADFG	New 1st yr. 2 yr. project	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
<u>Project Abstract</u> This project will examine morbidity and mortality in juvenile herring as population-limiting factors which affect spawner recruitment. Disease factors will be evaluated by culturing tissues, examining plasma antibodies, identifying pathogen nucleic acids by PCR and correlating changes over time with low food supply, heavy predatory activity and ultimately, recruitment. Geographically isolated populations will be compared to determine whether disease levels are constant throughout an area or vary by location, thus resulting in different recruitment rates. Ultimately, estimates of juvenile mortality will be correlated with future recruitment predictions.		<u>Chief Scientist's Recommendation</u> This project has great potential, as comparison of geographically isolated populations will allow determining if pathogen and disease prevalences are constant throughout an area or vary by location, potentially resulting in differences in local recruitment rates. While the portion of the proposal related to disease measurements is quite strong, the statistical power of the study to detect changes in abundance among sites seems low, and there is no reliable method of assessing recruitment of sand lance and herring ages 0-2 by geographic area. Do not fund.		<u>Trustee Council Action</u> Do not fund. The Chief Scientist has raised significant concerns about the scientific design of this project.					

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August 20, 1998

Gary Marty
VM APC University of California
One Shields Ave
Davis, California 95616-8732

Re: Project 99462 / Effect of Disease on Pacific Herring Population Recovery in Prince William Sound

Dear Mr. Marty:

The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council acted on the Fiscal Year 1999 Work Plan at its meeting on August 13, 1998. I am pleased to inform you that the Council approved funding in the amount of \$75,100 for Project 99462/Effect of Disease on Pacific Herring Population Recovery in Prince William Sound. A copy of the Council's action on your project is enclosed.

Before a project may begin, the lead agency for the project must provide documentation to the Executive Director showing that the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) have been met. The lead agency must also execute a contract or Reimbursable Services Agreement with you. For most projects this will occur before October 1, 1998. If so, you may receive authorization from the Executive Director to begin the FY 99 project on that date. Any delay in documenting compliance or executing a contract will delay the start of the project. If you have any questions, please contact the Trustee Council liaison for your lead agency.

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Thank you for your participation in the Exxon Valdez oil spill restoration program. We appreciate your continued interest, and look forward to working with you this coming year.

Sincerely,


Molly McCammon
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cc: Claudia Slater, ADF&G Liaison
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99462	Effect of Disease on Pacific Herring Population Recovery in Prince William Sound	G. Marty/Univ. of California Davis	ADFG	New 1st yr. 3 yr. project	\$75.1	\$0.0	\$78.5	\$84.8	\$238.4
<u>Project Abstract</u>		<u>Chief Scientist's Recommendation</u>		<u>Trustee Council Action</u>					
The Pacific herring population of Prince William Sound has not recovered from severe population decline in 1993. Viral hemorrhagic septicemia virus and the fungus <i>Ichthyophonus hoferi</i> were identified as the two main diseases during a multi-year research project that is in its final year in FY 98 (Project /162). Prevalence of <i>Ichthyophonus</i> decreased after 1995, but an unexpected increase in the prevalence of viral hemorrhagic septicemia virus in 1997 might delay recovery. To determine if disease continues to impair recovery, and to document recovery when it occurs, this project will monitor prevalence of the two major diseases in Pacific herring in Prince William Sound twice annually, from October 1998 through April 2001.		Recovery objectives for Pacific herring have not been achieved, and there is evidence that disease occurrence continues at significant levels. This project, which will be carried out in conjunction with other work being funded by the National Science Foundation, will help define the role of disease in regulating populations of a pelagic marine fish. This work has important implications for management of this keystone species. The work is cost effective and the principal investigator is excellent. Fund.		Fund. By monitoring the health of the herring population for a three-year period, this project will help determine whether the herring population in Prince William Sound fully recovers from the effects of the spill.					

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August 20, 1998

Randall Davis
Texas A & M University at Galveston
Department of Marine Biology
Galveston, Texas 77553

Re: Project 99441 / Harbor Seal Recovery: Effects of Diet on Lipid Metabolism and Health

Dear Mr. Davis:


The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council acted on the Fiscal Year 1999 Work Plan at its meeting on August 13, 1998. I am pleased to inform you that the Council approved funding in the amount of \$140,900 for Project 99441/Harbor Seal Recovery: Effects of Diet on Lipid Metabolism and Health. A copy of the Council's action on your project is enclosed.

Before a project may begin, the lead agency for the project must provide documentation to the Executive Director showing that the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) have been met. The lead agency must also execute a contract or Reimbursable Services Agreement with you. We hope that for most projects this will occur before October 1, 1998. If so, you may receive authorization from the Executive Director to begin the FY 99 project on that date. Any delay in documenting compliance or executing a contract will delay the start of the project. If you have any questions, please contact the Trustee Council liaison for your lead agency.

Projects approved for FY 99 are approved in the expectation that they will be funded to their completion. However, the Trustee Council will annually evaluate a project's future funding needs based on its progress or results to date, overall restoration needs, and restoration funding constraints. The future years' funding projection for your project (including agency general administration) is \$131,600 to complete the project in FY 2000; this will be reviewed again next year.

Thank you for your participation in the Exxon Valdez oil spill restoration program. We appreciate your continued interest, and look forward to working with you this coming year.

Sincerely,


Molly McCammon
Executive Director

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cc: Claudia Slater, ADF&G Liaison

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Proj.No.	Project Title	Proposer	Lead Agency	New or Cont'd	FY99 Fund	FY99 Defer	FY00 Estimate	FY01 Estimate	Total FY99-02
99441	Harbor Seal Recovery: Effects of Diet on Lipid Metabolism and Health	R. Davis/Texas A&M Univ.	ADFG	New 1st yr. 2 yr. project	\$140.9	\$0.0	\$131.6	\$0.0	\$272.5
<u>Project Abstract</u>		<u>Chief Scientist's Recommendation</u>		<u>Trustee Council Action</u>					
To better understand the results from field studies of harbor seal health, body condition, and feeding ecology, data are needed on diets that vary in nutritional composition. Working with the Alaska SeaLife Center, this project will determine how fatty acid profiles in the blubber of captive harbor seals change over time during controlled diets of pollock and herring. In addition, it will assess the aerobic capacity and lipid metabolism of skeletal muscle in harbor seals fed controlled diets and in wild harbor seals in Prince William Sound. The results will augment already funded investigations of diet and health to provide a more in-depth understanding of the nutritional role and assessment of dietary fat for harbor seals.		This is an important project, in that other studies have examined fatty acid signatures of harbor seals in the field, but there is need for controlled studies with animals of known history. This project will use facilities at the Alaska SeaLife Center to address this gap. The principal investigator is very strong, and this is important and timely work. The revised proposal includes presentation of details about the sample design, particularly the feeding regime. Fund.		Fund revised Detailed Project Description, which amplifies the sample design. This project will study the effects of diet on lipid metabolism and health in harbor seals. [NOTE: Funding includes \$9,300 for Alaska SeaLife Center bench fees.]					

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August 19, 1998

David G. Roseneau
Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge
2355 Kachemak Drive Suite 101
Homer, Alaska 99603-8021

Re: Project 99144A/Common Murre Population Monitoring

Dear Mr. Roseneau:

The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council acted on the Fiscal Year 1999 Work Plan at its meeting on August 13, 1998. I am pleased to inform you that the Council approved funding in the amount of \$72,600 for Project 99144A/Common Murre Population Monitoring. A copy of the Council's action on your project is enclosed.

Before a project may begin, the lead agency for the project must provide documentation to the Executive Director showing that the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) have been met. We hope that for most projects this will occur before October 1, 1998. If so, you may receive authorization from the Executive Director to begin the FY 99 project on that date. Any delay in documenting compliance will delay the start of the project. If you have any questions, please contact the Trustee Council liaison for your lead agency.

Projects approved for FY 99 are approved in the expectation that they will be funded to their completion. However, the Trustee Council will annually evaluate a project's future funding needs based on its progress or results to date, overall restoration needs, and restoration funding constraints. The future funding projection for Project 99144A is \$23,000 in FY 2000 for project closeout; this will be reviewed again next year.

Thank you for your participation in the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill restoration program. We appreciate your continued interest, and look forward to working with you this coming year.

Sincerely,

Molly McCammon
Executive Director

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cc: Catherine Berg, DOI/USFWS Liaison

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99144A	Common Murre Population Monitoring	D. Roseneau/USFWS	DOI	Cont'd 4th yr. 5 yr. project	\$72.6	\$0.0	\$23.0	\$0.0	\$95.6

Project Abstract

This project will recensus the Barren Islands murre colonies in FY 99. The recensus had been scheduled for FY 00 or FY 01. However, returning 3-, 4-, 5-, and 6-year-old birds from the strong 1993-96 chick cohorts will provide an excellent opportunity to determine whether population increases documented in FY 97 are continuing, and if they are, to obtain the information needed to satisfy the remaining recovery goal for this injured species in the spill area (a potential finding appropriate for the 10th anniversary of the spill).

Chief Scientist's Recommendation

Common murres experienced significant mortality at the time of the oil spill, and the Trustee Council has funded a series of studies that have closely monitored the Barren Island colonies to document their recovery status. Previously, the plan had been to conclude Barren Island censuses in FY 97 and to census the Chiswells in FY 98. However, there now is concern about the effects of the recent observed mortality of murres in the Gulf of Alaska, especially at a time when young murres born since 1993 (when productivity returned to normal) should now be returning to the colony and being recruited into the breeding population. This is an important time in the recovery of this species, and continued monitoring at the Barren Islands is necessary. Fund.

Trustee Council Action

Fund. Murres were severely injured by the oil spill, and this project extends population monitoring of the Barren Islands colonies. Productivity first returned to normal at the Barren Islands in 1993, and there now is concern about the effects of a murre die-off at a time when the young produced since 1993 should be recruited into the breeding population. Thus, this project is important to follow-through on the entire sequence of post-spill injury and recovery.

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August 19, 1998

Kathryn Frost
Alaska Department of Fish & Game
Division of Wildlife Conservation
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Fairbanks, Alaska 99701-1559

Re: Project 99064/Monitoring, Habitat Use, and Trophic Interactions of Harbor Seals in Prince William Sound

Dear Ms. Frost:

The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council acted on the Fiscal Year 1999 Work Plan at its meeting on August 13, 1998. I am pleased to inform you that the Council approved funding in the amount of \$263,300 for Project 99064/Monitoring, Habitat Use, and Trophic Interactions of Harbor Seals in Prince William Sound. A copy of the Council's action on your project is enclosed.

Before a project may begin, the lead agency for the project must provide documentation to the Executive Director showing that the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) have been met. We hope that for most projects this will occur before October 1, 1998. If so, you may receive authorization from the Executive Director to begin the FY 99 project on that date. Any delay in documenting compliance will delay the start of the project. If you have any questions, please contact the Trustee Council liaison for your lead agency.

Projects approved for FY 99 are approved in the expectation that they will be funded to their completion. However, the Trustee Council will annually evaluate a project's future funding needs based on its progress or results to date, overall restoration needs, and restoration funding constraints. The future years' funding projection for your project is \$130,000 to complete the project in FY 2000. No further funding is projected for subsequent years. Funding projections will be reviewed on an annual basis.

Thank you for your participation in the Exxon Valdez oil spill restoration program. We appreciate your continued interest, and look forward to working with you this coming year.

Sincerely,


Molly McCammon
Executive Director

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cc: Claudia Slater, ADF&G Liaison

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99064	Monitoring, Habitat Use, and Trophic Interactions of Harbor Seals in Prince William Sound	K. Frost/ADFG	ADFG	Cont'd 5th yr. 6 yr. project	\$263.3	\$0.0	\$130.0	\$0.0	\$393.3
<u>Project Abstract</u>		<u>Chief Scientist's Recommendation</u>		<u>Trustee Council Action</u>					
This project will monitor the status of harbor seals in Prince William Sound and investigate the hypothesis that food limitation to pups and juveniles is causing the ongoing decline. Aerial surveys will be conducted during molting to determine whether the population continues to decline, stabilizes, or increases. Seal pups will be satellite-tagged to describe and compare their movements, hauling out, and diving behavior to older seals and seals in other areas. Deuterium oxide will be used to examine annual variations in the nutritional status of pups and yearlings, as indicated by body fat content. Fatty acids analysis will be conducted on recent and archived blubber samples and mathematical models developed to estimate seal diets and whether they have changed since the 1970s.		This continuing project is providing valuable information to assess the recovery of harbor seals. The fatty acid research has begun to elucidate trophic trends, but needs more groundtruthing with laboratory experiments using captive animals (see Project 99371). If juvenile mortality is the key factor influencing recruitment, past experience from other areas suggests it will be difficult to measure directly. Fund.		Fund. This project will help explain the long-term decline in harbor seals in Prince William Sound. The results of the study will enable resource managers, subsistence users, and others to focus their efforts and concern on the most probable causes of harbor seal population decline.					

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August 19, 1998

Patty Brown-Schwalenberg, Executive Director
Chugach Regional Resources Commission
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Anchorage, Alaska 99508

RE: Project 99052A / Community Involvement
Project 99052B / Traditional Ecological Knowledge
Project 99131 / Chugach Native Region Clam Restoration

Dear Ms. Brown-Schwalenberg:

The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council acted on the Fiscal Year 1999 Work Plan at its meeting August 13, 1998. I am pleased to inform you that the Council approved the following funding:

- \$243,400 for Project 99052A/Community Involvement contingent on submitting to the Chief Scientist the 95279 final report (Miraglia; under revision since 6/23/97). Projects approved for FY 99 are approved in the expectation that they will be funded to their completion. However, the Trustee Council will annually evaluate a project's future funding needs based on its progress or results to date, overall restoration needs, and restoration funding constraints. The funding projection for Project 99052A in FY 2000 is \$180,000; this will be reviewed again next year.
- \$24,700 for the technical assistance and informational workshop components of Project 99052B/Traditional Ecological Knowledge; a decision on funding the technical training component (\$21,400) was deferred pending the results of your meetings with the state and federal resource management agencies on the goals of the training. Please note that future funding for Project /052B will be considered following a review of the FY 99 effort.
- \$83,400 in first-quarter funding for Project 99131/Chugach Native Region Clam Restoration; a decision on the balance of funding (\$202,000) was deferred pending the Chief Scientist's hatchery site visit and technical review session scheduled for October 1-2, 1998. Please note that FY 99 is expected to be the final year of Trustee Council contribution to this project.

In addition to satisfying the conditions specified above, before each project may begin the lead agency for the project must provide documentation to the Executive Director showing that the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) have been met. The lead agency must also execute a contract or reimbursable services agreement with you. For most projects this will occur before October 1, 1998. If so, you may receive authorization from the Executive Director to begin the FY 99 project on that date. Any delay in satisfying the conditions, documenting NEPA compliance, or executing an RSA will delay the start of the project. If you have any questions, please contact the Trustee Council liaison for your lead agency.

In regard to the deferred components of the above projects, the Trustee Council is tentatively scheduled to reconsider these in December 1998. Sixteen projects totaling approximately \$1.4 million have been deferred. At its August 13 meeting, the Council authorized projects totaling \$10.3 million. The targeted amount for the FY 99 Work Plan is \$10-12 million, so it is possible that not all deferred projects will be funded.

Thank you for your participation in the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill restoration program. A copy of the Council's action on your projects is enclosed.

Sincerely,



Molly McCammon
Executive Director

Enclosure

cc: Claudia Slater, ADF&G Liaison

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Proj.No.	Project Title	Proposer	Lead Agency	New or Cont'd	FY99 Fund	FY99 Defer	FY00 Estimate	FY01 Estimate	Total FY99-02
99052A	Community Involvement	P. Brown- Schwalenberg/CRRRC	ADFG	Cont'd 5th yr. 8 yr. project	\$243.4	\$0.0	\$180.0	\$180.0	\$783.4

Project Abstract

This project will increase community involvement in the restoration process. The Spill Area-Wide Coordinator's work will continue through a contract with the Chugach Regional Resources Commission (CRRRC). Through direct communication with a network of local facilitators, the Spill Area-Wide Coordinator will continue to actively involve local residents in the restoration program. (Local facilitators are located in Tatitlek, Chenega Bay, Port Graham, Nanwalek, Cordova, Seward, Seldovia, Valdez, Ouzinkie, and Alaska Peninsula.) In FY 99, a network of high school interns will be created in the Kodiak Island region. In cooperation with CRRRC, the Kodiak Island Borough School District will select one high school student from each of six communities (Port Lions, Larsen Bay, Karluk, Akhiok, Old Harbor, Kodiak City) to serve as local facilitators. In addition, the interns will facilitate school and community discussions about the restoration program.

Chief Scientist's Recommendation

This project continues to be a priority with the spill-area communities. However, although communications seem to have improved during the past year and the Community Facilitators' monthly reports are being submitted in a more timely fashion, accountability remains an issue. For example, proposals from the communities could be improved and overdue local resource inventories should be supplied. To improve accountability, future quarterly and annual reports should provide a more thorough accounting of the status of the Community Facilitators' monthly reports and other efforts. The use of student interns in Kodiak Island communities seems like an appropriate approach, but clear tasks for the interns must be identified and their performance evaluated regularly to ensure that project objectives are being met. Fund, but consider future budget reductions if accountability is not improved.

Trustee Council Action

Fund, including addition of student interns in Kodiak Island communities, contingent on submittal of late report (95279). This project, which is designed to facilitate communication and interaction among the Trustee Council, scientists, and residents of communities impacted by the oil spill, responds to an important goal of the Trustee Council. Villages in the spill region have said that this project is of the highest importance because it gives them a voice in the restoration process. In FY 99, the quarterly reports submitted by the Spill Area Wide Coordinator to the Restoration Office should contain a more complete accounting of each Community Facilitator's efforts. In FY 2000 and beyond, the Trustee Council contribution to this project will be reduced consistent with the overall reduction in the restoration program.

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Proj.No.	Project Title	Proposer	Lead Agency	New or Cont'd	FY99 Fund	FY99 Defer	FY00 Estimate	FY01 Estimate	Total FY99-02
99052B	Traditional Ecological Knowledge	P. Brown- Schwalenberg/CRRC, H. Huntington	ADFG	Cont'd 3rd yr.	\$24.7	\$21.4			\$24.7
<u>Project Abstract</u>		<u>Chief Scientist's Recommendation</u>		<u>Trustee Council Action</u>					
This project will fund a TEK (Traditional Ecological Knowledge) specialist to (1) provide technical assistance to Project 99320T-Supp/Herring TEK, (2) provide technical training to community members to build local capacity for research and management involving TEK, (3) organize and facilitate synthesis workshops between principal investigators and community experts, and (4) serve as a contact point for spill area communities, the community facilitators and Spill Area-Wide Coordinator hired under Project /052A, and principal investigators on issues related to TEK.		The goal of this project, which is the exchange of knowledge from traditional and local sources and scientific studies, is worthy. However, the project has now been funded for three years and has achieved few concrete results. When this project was funded in FY 98, it was with the understanding that funding in FY 99 would be contingent upon a favorable review of FY 98 results. My review of the annual report for FY 97 and preliminary information on the project in FY 98 indicates that this is still a weak project in terms of producing concrete results. However, it is clear this effort enjoys substantial support in the communities (e.g., the seaduck synthesis workshop in Tatitlek). I can support only limited funding in FY 99, including for several more synthesis workshops.		Fund continuation of technical assistance to principal investigators (primarily 99320T-Supp in FY 99) and informational workshops between principal investigators and community experts (\$24,700); defer decision on funding technical training component (\$21,400) until the results of CRRC's meetings with the resource management agencies on the goals of the training are reported to the Executive Director. This project is designed to explore and facilitate the use of traditional knowledge in the restoration of injured resources, which is an important goal of the Trustee Council. Funding beyond FY 99 will be considered following a review of the FY 99 effort.					

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99131	Chugach Native Region Clam Restoration	P. Brown- Schwalenberg/ CRRC	ADFG	Cont'd 5th yr. 5 yr. project	\$83.4	\$202.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$83.4
<u>Project Abstract</u> Cost effective procedures for establishing easily accessible subsistence clam populations near Native villages in the oil spill region will be established. In FY 99 the scope of work will be confined to developing effective, standardized techniques for producing littleneck clam seed at the Qutekcak Hatchery and analyzing growth and mortality of this seed placed on the beaches in FY 96, FY 97 and FY 98. Total seeded area during the project will not exceed five hectares. Follow-up research on success of seeding will be conducted. Growout development work will be confined to areas near the Native villages of Tatitlek, Nanwalek and Port Graham.			<u>Chief Scientist's Recommendation</u> Defer decision pending site visit and project review scheduled for October 1-2, 1998.		<u>Trustee Council Action</u> Defer decision on all but interim funding (\$83,400) pending hatchery site visit and technical review session scheduled for October 1-2, 1998. If funded, FY 99 will be the final year of Trustee Council contribution to this project, which aims to enhance local clam populations as replacements for subsistence resources injured by the oil spill. In FY 99, in response to earlier direction from the Trustee Council and the peer reviewers, the emphasis would be on the development of standardized techniques for the hatchery production of littleneck clams and on analyzing growth and mortality of the seed planted on beaches in prior years. Additional clam seed would be planted on project beaches (Port Graham, Nanwalek, Tatitlek) in FY 99 in order to maintain the development schedule for enhancing local populations.				