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#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Agency Liaisons

FROM:

Traci Cramer

Administrative Officer

DATE: September 11, 1998

RE:

Quarterly Report for the period ending June 30, 1998

Attached for your review is a copy of the Trustee Council Quarterly Report, summary Work Plan reports, your agencies financial report for each Fiscal Year and a copy of your agencies financial status report for other authorizations. Please note that this Quarterly Report consists of information provided by each agency (Fiscal Years 1992, 1993, 1994 & 1998) and financial information contained in the annual audit (Fiscal Years 1995, 1996 & 1997). These reports are used to generate the summary reports and should be reviewed carefully.

If the information for your agency was not captured correctly, or if the information has changed, please contact me immediately at 586-7238.

#### attachments

CC:

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#### MEMORANDUM

TO:

Trustee Council members

FROM:

Eric F. Myer

Director of Operations

DATE:

September 11, 1998

SUBJ:

Release of GAO Audit

Please note that we have been advised that Senator Murkowski released the GAO audit today.

We do not yet have a copy of the final GAO report in hand, but I have been assured by Chet Janik of the GAO that the final version of the report did not differ in any material respect from the final draft version reviewed by the Restoration Office which had only one recommendation (regarding the problems we have experienced with investments and fees through the Court System). When we obtain a copy of the final GAO report we will forward them to you. For your reference, I have attached the press statement from Senator Murkowlski's office as well as a press release issued by the Restoration Office and a statement from the Office of the Secretary of the Interior.

Molly is currently in travel status and plans to be in Washington D.C. next week to continue work on the effort to secure authorization necessary to invest settlement funds outside the court system.

If you have questions, please let me know.

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August 11, 1998

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### **GAO** audit gives Trustee Council high grades

An audit released today by the United States General Accounting Office confirmed that the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council is operating an effective program to restore the environment following the 1989 disaster in Prince William Sound.

While the audit, requested by Sen. Frank Murkowski, discussed the kinds of tough choices the Trustee Council must make in conducting its habitat protection and marine research programs, it did not recommend any changes in how those programs should be carried out. Auditors did, however, recommend that changes be made in federal law to allow a better return on investments from trust funds.

"This is as clean a bill of health as any billion-dollar program could ever get," said Molly McCammon, executive director of the Trustee Council. "We're very happy with the report, and I believe it shows that this restoration program is a model for other restoration efforts in the future."

The Trustee Council has been seeking Congressional action for more than a year to change federal law to allow trust funds to be invested outside the federal investment system. Under current requirements, trust funds are invested by the federal court system, earning a relatively low 5 percent return on investment with excessively high fees.

Auditors pointed out that the federal system charged \$439,000 in fees during fiscal year 1997, whereas a similar investment system through the state would have cost about 1/18th that amount or \$24,000. Initiating an electronic transfer system could save about another \$80,000 a year, it said.

"We fully support the GAO's one and only recommendation in this audit," McCammon said. "If we can change the investment system so that the Trustee Council can get a better return with lower fees, we estimate that our investments could generate millions in additional funds by the Year 2002."

"We will continue to work with the Congressional delegation to achieve this in a way that will not compromise the public process or the Council's trust responsibilities," she said.

The GAO audit concluded that public participation is a major part of all Trustee Council programs and decisions.

Auditors pointed out the difficulties of appraising and purchasing large parcels as part of the habitat protection program, but they were not critical of the Council's process.



The GAO identified five parcels totaling about 360,000 acres in which the Council paid above the government-appraised value, but below the seller's appraisals. Auditors explained that government appraisers valued the lands low because they contained no marketable commodities such as timber and minerals. Parcels on southern and eastern Kodiak Island, for example, were appraised at \$129 to \$185 an acre, even though they contained a total of 385 miles of shoreline and 52 salmon streams.

"The sellers said that under no circumstances were they willing to accept the government's appraised value for the land," the audit said. The seller's appraisers took into account the "multiple resources on the land, such as rivers, lakes, world class salmon, as well as development potential," and valued the lands considerably higher, the GAO report explained.

After negotiations, the governments and the sellers settled on a price in between the two appraisals. "(T)he council believed it was appropriate to pay more than the government-appraised value for these particular parcels because the land provided exceptional habitat for promoting recovery of natural resources and because the council wanted to prevent any possible degradation of this habitat," the GAO report said.

The report noted that the Council paid at or below the government-appraised value for several other large parcel acquisitions which contained timber resources.

"It is completely unrealistic to think that the land has little value just because it does not contain marketable timber or minerals," McCammon said. "The auditors did a good job of explaining a difficult situation. The audit did not say the price paid was too high or too low and it did not recommend the Council do anything differently."

Auditors also cautioned the Council to be careful in funding projects so as not to fund normal agency management duties or to conduct research that does not have a link to the oil spill. The GAO report points to three projects that auditors believe fell close to that line, including studies of sockeye salmon, pink salmon genetics, and killer whales.

The audit concludes, however, that the line is difficult to define and that each project should be analyzed on a case-by-case basis, which is the same conclusion the Trustee Council came to when it examined the issue three years ago.

It is Trustee Council policy to not fund projects that would otherwise be funded by state or federal agencies. The audit noted that sockeye salmon and killer whale projects were funded despite concerns that they should have fallen under normal agency management. In its published response to the audit, the Trustee Council defended its decision to fund these three projects.

"The Trustee Council's Work Plan funds approximately 100 projects each year," McCammon said. "After reviewing five years worth of projects, the auditors identified three that they considered questionable. Each one of those three was scrutinized at the time of funding and the Trustee Council made tough calls."

Again, McCammon pointed out, the audit did not recommend any changes in the process.

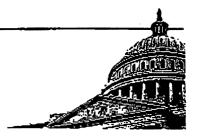
"This is a billion-dollar program attempting to accomplish something never done before," she said. "If there were no mistakes and no tough decisions, then we would be working miracles. That is not the case, but the GAO audit shows we have done a pretty good job."

The GAO also conducted an audit in 1993 that made several recommendations on improving the system. The 1998 audit noted that the Trustee Council had addressed all of those recommendations.

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Stephanie Hanna (O) 202/208-6416

### INTERIOR SECRETARY PLEASED WITH GAO REPORT ON LAND ACQUISITIONS FROM EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL SETTLEMENT

Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt today praised the findings and conclusions in a newly-released General Accounting Office (GAO) audit of the work of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council in restoring the environment following the 1989 environmental disaster in Alaska's Prince William Sound.

"The Exxon Valdez settlement funds created the largest and most successful environmental restoration project ever attempted," Secretary Babbitt said. "The GAO's conclusions show that the Trustee Council has made wise decisions and managed a nearly billion dollar fund as efficiently as the law will permit."

Secretary Babbitt noted with interest that GAO supported Congressional action to permit the Trustee Council more flexibility to invest the remaining trust funds outside the federal investment system.

"The Trustee Council has repeatedly asked the U.S. Congress to legislate a more economically beneficial and flexible process for investing the trust funds, but unfortunately their only response would tie the hands of the Trustee Council even further. The Administration is opposed to the approach in the FY '99 Interior Appropriations bill and would urge the Congress to put more investment flexibility in legislation without politicizing the outcome."

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#### MEMORANDUM

TO:

Trustee Council

THROUGH:

Molly McCammon

**Executive Director** 

FROM:

Legi Ca Traci Cramer

Administrative Officer

DATE: September 11, 1998

RE:

Quarterly Report for the period ending June 30, 1998

The attached reports consolidate the financial information submitted by the agencies for the quarter ending June 30, 1998.

The first report is a summary of activity by restoration category. This report reflects the total adjusted authorization and the total expended/obligated by Work Plan year and restoration category.

The second report displays the financial information by Work Plan. This report is used to determine what portion of the unexpended/unobligated balance or lapse, is available to off-set future court requests. Included are adjustments to reflect unreported interest and other revenue. Excluding lapse associated with Fiscal Year 1997, it is estimated that \$3,170,609 is available to off-set future court requests.

The third report is a summary of financial information associated with the 1998 Work Plan.

If you have any questions regarding the information provided, please do not hesitate to contact me at 586-7238

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CC:

Agency Liaisons

Bob Baldauf

# Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council Quarterly Financial Report As of June 30, 1998 Category

		92' Work Plan		93' Work Plan			94' Work Plan		(	95' Work Plan			
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General Restoration	4,103,070	3,794,442	92.48%	3,126,013	2,172,675	69.50%	5,179,300	3,172,367	61.25%	5,232,695	4,451,974	85.08%	
Monitoring							2,883,118	2,573,751	89.27%	3,080,926	2,461,549	79.90%	
Research							8,640,710	8,145,206	94.27%	10,679,931	10,119,861	94.76%	
Monitoring and Research	2,237,788	2,207,007	98.62%	4,204,925	3,662,112	87.09%	417,200	335,717	80.47%				
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Administration	5,076,100	4,295,933	84.63%	4,136,052	2,653,889	64.16%	4,882,880	4,082,492	83.61%	4,253,526	3,061,704	71.98%	
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Monitoring	1,496,871	1,445,105	96.54%	982,051	946,121	96.34%	928,347	560,467	60.37%				
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Administration	3,418,500	2,995,607	87.63%	2,941,100	2,650,858	90.13%	2,796,300	1,907,810	68.23%				
Habitat Protection	3,304,100	1,967,055	59.53%	1,309,453	870,204	66.46%	884,110	348,816	39.45%			to Narrow Mathematical accessed Department and a second	The state of the s
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Total	25,560,900	22,885,678	89.53%	20,427,000	19,267,239	94.32%	17,773,500	12,784,423	71.93%				
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Work Plan Time Periods:

92' Work Plan- Oil Year 4 or March 1, 1992 through February 28, 1993

93' Work Plan - Oil Year 5 or March 1, 1993 through September 30, 1993 (Seven Month Transition)

94' Work Plan - October 1, 1993 through September 30, 1994

95' Work Plan - October 1, 1994 through September 30, 1995

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98' Work Plan - October 1, 1997 through September 30, 1998

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### Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council Quarterly Report as of June 30, 1998 Summary

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Fiscal Year	Authorized	Adjustments	Authorization	Expenditures	Expenditures	Obligations	Balance	Lapse	Lapse	Laps
1992	19,211,000	13,058	19,224,058	13,317,450	2,720,100	0	5,906,608	5,906,608	2,286,572	3,620,03
1993	13,963,000	-18,003	13,944,997	10,210,471		6,014	3,728,512	3,728,512	1,716,453	2,012,05
1994	25,750,500	0	25,750,500	19,906,796		76,664	5,767,040	3,555,940	1,255,649	2,300,29
1995	26,004,400	0	26,004,400	22,405,986		0	3,598,414	3,598,414	735,010	2,863,40
1996	25,560,900	0	25,560,900	22,885,678		0	2,675,222	2,675,222	1,065,780	1,609,44
1997	20,427,000	0	20,427,000	19,267,239		0	1,159,761	O	0	
1998	17,773,500	0	17,773,500	10,402,139		2,382,284	4,989,077	0	0	(
TOTAL	148,690,300	-4,945	148,685,355	118,395,759	2,720,100	2,464,962	27,824,634	19,464,696	7,059,464	12,405,23
OTHER AUTHORIZATIO	NS		217,848,274	208,644,821		2,409,047	6,794,406			
Total Reported Lapse (Th	rough Court Reques	t #29)						17,684,114	5,595,189	12,088,92
Unreported Lapse (1992)	hrough 1996)							1,780,582	1,464,275	316,30
Unreported Interest	T	:						1,388,990	300,800	1,088,190
Other Revenue (Posters/	Symposium Receipts	)						1,037	0	(
Total Available to Off-se	t Future Court Req	uests						3,169,572	1,765,075	1,404,497
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98001-CLO	R	Recovery of Harbor Seals From EVOS: Condition and	51,100	0	51,100	42,944	7,750	50,694	40
98007A	М	Archaeological Index Site Monitoring	139,700	0	139,700	41,580	50,890	92,470	47,23
98012A-BAA	М	Comprehensive Killer Whale Investigation in Prince William Sound	154,700	0	154,700	144,600	0	144,600	10,10
98025		Mechanisms of Impact and Potential Recovery of Nearshore Vertebrate Predators (NVP)	1,652,900	0	1,652,900	848,252	824	849,076	803,82
98043B		Monitoring of Cutthroat Trout and Dolly Varden Habitat Improvement Structures	24,000	0	24,000	0	0	C	24,00
98052A	G	Community Involvement	240,800	0	240,800	145,717	81,120	226,837	13,96
98052B	G	Traditional Ecological Knowledge	61,300	0	61,300	30,128	22,917	53,045	8,25
98064	R	Monitoring, Habitat Use, and Trophic Interactions of Harbor	272,500	0	272,500	119,038	20,300	139,338	133,16
98076	R	Effects of Oiled Incubation Substrate on Straying and	272,200	0	272,200	194,900	0	194,900	77,30
98100	A	Administration, Science Management and Public Information	2,796,300	0	2,796,300	1,715,671	192,139	1,907,810	888,49
98126		Habitat Protection and Acquisition Support	851,400	0	851,400	249,917	89,519	339,436	
98127		Tatitlek Coho Salmon Release	10,500	o	10,500	0	9,829	9,829	
98131		Chugach Native Region Clam Restoration	290,100	0	290,100	202,978	82,177	285,155	
98139A1-	G	Little Waterfall Barrier Bypass Improvements	13,400	0	13,400	12,318	65	12,383	
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98139A2	G	Port Dick Creek Tributary and Development Project	85,800	0	85,800	67,168	12,247	79,415	6,38
98142-BAA	R	Status and Ecology of Kittlitz's Murrelets in Prince William Sound	269,000	0	269,000	251,400	0	251,400	
98144A	М	Common Murre Population Monitoring	57,400	0	57,400	8,505	0	8,505	48,89
98145-CLO	М	Cutthroat Trout and Dolly Varden: Relation Among and Within Populations of Anadromous and Resident Forms	120,700	0	120,700	O	0	0	120,700
98149	М	Archaeological Site Stewardship	66,900	0	66,900	26,520	26,689	53,209	13,69
98159	М	Surveys to Monitor Marine Bird Abundance in Prince William Sound during Winter and Summer 1998	237,000	O	237,000	134,742	0	134,742	102,258
98161-CLO	ī	Differentiation and Interchange of Harlequin Duck Populations Within the North Pacific	16,500	0	16,500	0	0	0	16,500
98162		Investigations of Disease Factors Affecting Declines of Pacific Herring Populations in Prince William Sound	517,700	-1,100	516,600	205,296	284,160	489,456	27,144
98163A	R	APEX: Forage Fish Assessment	268,600	0	268,600	245,500	0	245,500	23,100
98163B		APEX: Seabird Interactions	89,900	0	89,900	76,850	0	76,850	
98163C		APEX; Fish Diet Overlap	29,900	0	29,900	23,900	0	23,900	
98163E		APEX: Kittiwakes	242,100	0		143,778	0	143,778	
98163F		APEX: Guillemots	127,900	0	127,900	81,709	0	81,709	
98163G		APEX: Seabird Energetics	221,300	0	221,300	272,000	0	272,000	-50,700
981631		APEX: Project Management	160,600	0	160,600	150,100	0	150,100	
98163J	i	APEX: Barren Islands Seabird Studies	112,500	0	112,500	85,060	0	85,060	
98163K		APEX: Large Fish as Samplers	9,600	0	9,600	9,419		9,419	
98163L		APEX: Historical Data Review	91,400	0	91,400	24,602	171	24,773	
98163M	R	APEX: Response of Seabirds to Forage Fish Density	267,700	0	267,700	267,700	0	267,700	(

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98163N	R	APEX: Black-Legged Kittiwake Controlled Feeding	30,000	0	30,000	27,000	0	27,000	3,000
		Experiment							
98163O	L	APEX; Statistical Review	21,400	0	, ,	20,000			
98163Q	4	APEX: Modeling	71,900	0	71,900	65,200		65,200	
98163R		APEX: Marbled Murrelet Productivity	112,700	0		61,488			
98163S	R	APEX: Jellyfish as Competitors and Predators of Fishes	96,500	0	96,500	90,200	0	90,200	6,300
98163T	R	APEX: Aerial Surveys	58,200	0	58,200	0		155	58,045
98165-CLO	R	Genetic Discrimination of Prince William Sound Herring Populations	56,000	0	56,000	13,440	4,196	17,636	38,364
98166-CLO	R	Herring Natal Habitats	42,300	0	42,300	41,720	216	41,936	364
98169	R	A Genetic Study to Ald in Restoration of Murres, Guillemots and Murrelets in the Gulf of Alaska	88,200	0	88,200	84,182	0	84,182	4,018
98170-CLO	R	Isotope Ratio Studies of Marine Mammals in Prince William Sound	108,800	0	108,800	. 0	101,915	101,915	6,885
98180	G	Kenai Habitat Restoration & Recreation Enhancement Project (Capital)	491,900	0	491,900	85,267	3,727	88,994	402,906
98186-CLO	G	Coded Wire Tag Recoveries From Pink Salmon in Prince William Sound	120,200	0	120,200	64,667	629	65,296	54,904
98188	G	Otolith Thermal Mass Marking of Hatchery Reared Pink Salmon In Prince William Sound	141,100	0	141,100	67,577	682	68,259	72,841
98190	R	Construction of a Linkage Map for the Pink Salmon Genome	229,400	o	229,400	51,360	150,413	201,773	27,627
98191A	R	Field Examination of Oil-Related Embryo Mortalities in Pink Salmon Populations in Prince William Sound	159,400	-8,500	150,900	120,555	902	121,457	29,443
98194-CLO	М	Pink Salmon Spawning Habitat Recovery	25,000	0	25,000	21,200	0	21,200	3,800
98195	R	Pristane Monitoring in Mussels	114,900	0	114,900	107,300	0	107,300	7,600
98196	R	Genetic Structure of Prince William Sound Pink Salmon	130,200	0	130,200	105,572	575	106,147	24,053
98210	G	Youth Area Watch	150,200	0	150,200	144,794	5,479	150,273	-73
98220-CLO	G	Eastern PWS Wildstock Salmon Habitat Restoration	11,900	0	11,900	0	- 0	0	11,900
98225	1	Port Graham Pink Salmon Subsistence Project	73,500	0	73,500	14,010	55,803	69,813	3,687
98244	G	Community-Based Harbor Seal Management and Biological Sampling	84,700	o	84,700	55,414	21,413	76,827	7,873
98247	G	Kametolook River Coho Salmon Subsistence Project	14,900	0	14,900	5,935	1,676	7,611	7,289
98250		Project Management	453,800	0	453,800	268,445	3,869	272,314	181,486
98250		Project Management/NOAA IPA	106,300	-6,200	100,100	41,848		42,073	58,027
98252	1	Investigations of Genetically Important Conservation Units of Rockfish and Walleye Pollock	209,100	0	209,100	65,567	4,751	70,318	138,782
98254-CLO		Delight and Desire Lakes Restoration	11,700		11,700	11,929		11,990	-290
98256B	G	Sockeye Salmon Stocking at Solf Lake	95,500		95,500	36	i	69	95,431
98263	G	Assessment, Protection and Enhancement of Salmon Streams in Lower Cook Inlet	107,000	0	107,000	27,633	12,961	40,594	66,406
98273	R	Surf Scoter Life History and Ecology	170,400	0	170,400	91,193	527	91,720	78,680

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98274	G	Documentary Film on Subsistence Use of Herring, Herring Spawn and Resources in the Nearshore Ecosystem in Prince William Sound	89,600	0	008,68	50,864	27,336	78,200	11,400
98286	G	Elders/Youth Conference on Subsistence and the Oil Spill	90,200	0	90,200	84,300	0	84,300	5,900
98289-BAA	R	Status of Black Oystercatchers in Prince William Sound	80,400	0	80,400	75,100	O	75,100	
98290	R	Hydrocarbon Data Analysis, Interpretation, and Database Maintenance	75,700	0	75,700	49,900	O	49,900	25,800
98297-BAA	R	Oceanography of Prince William Sound Bays and Fjords	94,200	0	94,200	88,000	0	88,000	6,200
98300	R	Synthesis of the Scientific Findings from EVOS Restoration Program	81,300	0	81,300	5,381	75,919	81,300	0
98302-CLO	М	Prince William Sound Cutthroat Trout/Dolly Varden Char Inventory	4,100	0	4,100	0	0	0	4,100
98306	R	Ecology and Demographics of Pacific Sand Lance in Lower Cook Inlet	32,800	0	32,800	29,000	0	29,000	3,800
98311		Pacific Herring Productivity Dependencies in the Prince William Sound Ecosystem Determined with Natural Stable Isotope Tracers	119,300	0	119,300	83,198	34,063	117,261	2,039
98314	G	Homer Marine Park Habitat Assessment and Restoration Design Project	О	0	0	o	0	0	0
98320E	R	SEA: Salmon and Herring Predation	320,100	-8,000	312,100	220,252	2,626	222,878	89,222
98320G	R	SEA: Phytoplankton and Nutrients	106,700	0	106,700	64,138	40,044	104,182	2,518
98320H	R	SEA: Role of Zooplankton	106,100	0	106,100	50,960	51,855	102,815	<b>3</b> ,285
983201	R	SEA: Stable Isotopes	132,400		132,400	123,800	0	123,800	8,600
98320J		SEA: Information Systems and Model Development	460,600	0	460,600	439,300	0	439,300	21,300
98320M		SEA: Physical Oceanography	133,000	0	133,000	124,300	0	124,300	8,700
98320N	R	SEA: Nekton and Plankton Acoustics	171,600	0	171,600	160,400	0	160,400	11,200
98320R	R	SEA: Trophodynamic Modeling and Remote Sensing	160,500	0	160,500	0	150,429	150,429	10,071
98320T	R	SEA: Juvenile Herring Growth and Habitats	546,700	16,500	563,200	303,467	239,377	542,844	20,356
98320T-	R	SEA: Supplement - Herring Traditional Ecological	75,900	0	75,900	17,912	54,460	72,372	3,528
98320U	R	SEA: Somatic Energetics	105,800	0	105,800	34,289	67,111	101,400	4,400
98320Z	R	SEA: Synthesis and Integration	64,000	0	64,000	14,109	46,735	60,844	3,156
98325-BAA	R	Assessment of Injury to Intertidal and Nearshore Subtidal	99,900	0	99,900	55,049	38,612	93,661	6,239
98327	R	Pigeon Guillemot Restoration Research at the Alaska	123,300	0	123,300	117,400	16	117,416	5,884
98329	R	Synthesis of the Toxicological Impacts on Pink Salmon	25,600	o	25,600	7,600	57	7,657	17,943
98330-BAA	t i	Mass-Balance Model of Trophic Fluxes in Prince William	179,800	0	179,800	168,000	0	168,000	11,800
98338	R	Survival of Adult Murres and Kiltiwakes in Relation to	56,200	0	56,200	0		0	56,200
98339	R	Prince William Sound Human Use and Wildlife Disturbance Model	139,200	0	139,200	2,259	16,541	18,800	
98340	М	Toward Long-Term Oceanographic Monitoring of the Gulf of Alaska Ecosystem	77,100	0	77,100	62,115	14,253	76,368	732

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98341	R	Harbor Seal Recovery: Controlled Studies of Health and Diet	152,200	0	152,200	0	123,658	123,658	28,542			
98346	R	Publication of an Indexed Bibliography of the Genus Ammodytes (Sand Lance)	5,400	o	5,400	0	o	0	5,400			
98347	R	Fatty Acid Profile and Lipid Class Analysis for Estimating Diet Composition and Quality at Different Trophic Levels	110,600	0	110,600	98,000	o	98,000	12,600			
98348	R	Responses of River Otters to Oil Contamination: A Controlled Study of Biological Stress Markers and Foraging Success	245,400	0	245,400	43,971	147,663	191,634	53,766			
98427-CLO	М	Harlequin Duck Recovery Monitoring	78,300	0	78,300	64,158	524	64,682	13,618			
98468-BAA	R	FEATS: Fundamental Estimations of Acoustic Target Strength	19,000	0	19,000	0	O	0	19,000			
		Miscellaneous Adjustments (ADF&G Only)	0	7,300	7,300	0	0	0	7,300			
		Unallocated GA (ADF&G only)	0	D	0	85,393	0	85,393	-85,393			
		Unallocated GA (NOAA only)	0	0	0	103,700	0	103,700	-103,700			
		Total	17,773,500	0	17,773,500	10,402,139	2,382,284	12,784,423	4,989,077			

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### Memorandum

To:

Trustee Council Members

From:

Eric F. Myers, Director of Operations

Date:

September 10, 1998

Subject:

Nominations for the Public Advisory Group

The third term of the Public Advisory Group (PAG) ends October 31, 1998. Please find attached information regarding nominations to serve on the PAG for the next term.

Twenty-five nominations were received in response to the solicitation for candidates. This included a request for nominations published in nine spill-area community newspapers in June as well as the Federal Register. An article was also included in the summer issue of the *Restoration Update* newsletter distributed to more than 2,400 Alaska residents on the Trustee Council mailing list.

Enclosed you will find the nominations and letters of support that were received. Sixteen members of the current PAG reapplied and nine additional nominations were received in support of new candidates.

Attached you will find a summary chart that identifies each nominee and the interest group they are seeking to represent. Current PAG members and the interest they presently represent are identified by an "O" in the table. Please note that, in some cases, individuals are being nominated as candidates eligible to represent more than one interest group.

It is anticipated that the Trustee Council will take action on the PAG nominees at the September 29, 1998 Trustee Council meeting.

If you have any questions concerning this information, please let me know.

Attachments

# INTEREST GROUP SUMMARY CHART

Nominee	Aquaculture	Commercial Fishing	Commercial Tourism	Conservation	Environmental	Forest Products	Local Government	Native Landowners	Public at Large	Recreation Users	Science/ Academic	Sport Hunting/ Fishing	Subsistence	TC Selection
Sharon E. Anderson, Seward									Х		х			
Rupert Andrews, Juneau					,				х			0		П
Torie Baker, Cordova		0							Х					
Christopher Beck, Anchorage									0			-		
Pamela Brodie, Homer		'			0				х					
Sheri Buretta, Anchorage					,				0					
Dave Cobb, Valdez							0		х					
Chip Dennerlein, Anchorage	·			0					х					
Willard Dunham, Seward	X	х	Х.				х		Х	х		х		
Cheryl Easley, Anchorage			х		'				х	х	х	х	x	
Eleanor Huffines, Palmer			0						х	х				
Dan Hull, Anchorage	х	х	7		,				х					1
Scott Janke, Seward							х		x					
James King, Juneau				х			/		0					
Mary McBurney, Anchorage	0								х					
Charles Meacham, Juneau		х		х			'		х		0			
Peter G. Mickelson, Cordova			х						х	х	х	х		
Lowell R. Satin, Seward							x		х					
Brenda Schwantes, Kodiak					1				0				х	
David Sperbeck, Anchorage									х					
Stacy Studebaker, Kodiak				х	х				х	0				
Charles Totemoff, Anchorage								0	х					
Howard Valley, Kodiak			х			0		х	х					
Nancy Yeaton, Nanwalek			х	х	х		Х		х				0	
Ed Zeine, Cordova	during last PAG	1					Х		х					

### Exxon Valdez Oil Spill

Public Advisory Group Nominees
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September 10, 1998

James F. Chokwak, Sr. 517 North Hoyt Anchorage, Alaska 99508

Dear Mr. Chokwak:

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with confirmation that the Trustee Council has received your nomination under the Small Parcel Habitat Protection Program and will be reviewing it in the near future.

As you are perhaps aware, over 300 small parcel nominations have been submitted to the Trustee Council for consideration through the Small Parcel Program. Upon receipt of a parcel nomination and a determination that the nomination meets all threshold criteria, the nominated parcel is evaluated for its specific restoration value. As a result of the review and evaluation of nominated parcels to date, the Trustee Council has identified approximately 60 parcels of especially significant value to the protection and restoration of the biological resources and human services injured by the Exxon Valdez oil spill. Current acquisition efforts are focused on these 60 priority parcels.

If you have questions about the Small Parcel Program, please contact Eric Myers in the Restoration Office.

Sincerely,

Molly McCammon **Executive Director** 

**EFMtv** 

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### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Claudia Slater / ADFG Liaison

FROM:

Molly McCammon Executive Director

RE:

Partial Authorization: Project 99131 / Chugach Native Region Clam

Restoration

DATE:

September 10, 1998

The purpose of this memorandum is to authorize the expenditure of interim funds (\$83,400) for Project 99131/Chugach Native Region Clam Restoration. These funds must be spent consistent with the revised budget, prepared July 13, 1998. Additional funding will be considered by the Trustee Council following the Chief Scientist's hatchery site visit and technical review scheduled for October 1-2, 1998.

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### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Bruce Wright / NOAA Liaison

FROM:

Molly McCammon

**Executive Director** 

RE:

Authorization -- Project 99476 / Effects of Oiled Incubation Substrate on

Pink Salmon Reproduction

DATE:

September 9, 1998

The purpose of this memorandum is to formally authorize work to proceed on Project 99476/Effects of Oiled Incubation Substrate on Pink Salmon Reproduction. The work must be performed consistent with the revised Detailed Project Description and budget (submitted July 8, 1998).

Alaska Department of Law

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### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Bruce Wright / NOAA

FROM:

Molly McCammon

**Executive Director** 

RE:

Authorization -- Project 99195 / Pristane Monitoring in Mussels

DATE:

September 9, 1998

The purpose of this memorandum is to formally authorize work to proceed on Project 99195 / Pristane Monitoring in Mussels. The work must be performed consistent with the revised Detailed Project Description.

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### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Claudia Slater/ADF,G

FROM:

Molly McCammon

**Executive Director** 

RE:

Authorization -- Project 99196 / Genetic Structure of PWS Pink Salmon

DATE:

September 9, 1998

The purpose of this memorandum is to formally authorize work to proceed on Project 99196 / Genetic Structure of PWS Pink Salmon. The work must be performed consistent with the Detailed Project Description dated April 10, 1998.

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### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Claudia Slater/ADFG

FROM:

Molly McCammon

**Executive Director** 

RE:

Authorization -- Project 99245 / Community-Based Harbor Seal

Management and Biological Sampling

DATE:

September 9, 1998

The purpose of this memorandum is to formally authorize work to proceed on Project 99245 / Community-Based Harbor Seal Management and Biological Sampling. The work must be performed consistent with the Detailed Project Description and revised budget.

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### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Claudia Slater/ADFG

FROM:

Molly McCammol

**Executive Director** 

RE:

Authorization -- Project 99278 / Development of an Ecological

Characterization and Site Profile for Kachemak Bay & Lower Cook Inlet

DATE:

September 9, 1998

The purpose of this memorandum is to formally authorize work to proceed on Project 99278/Development of an Ecological Characterization and Site Profile for Kachemak Bay & Lower Cook Inlet. The work must be performed consistent with the revised Detailed Project Description and budget dated July 8, 1998.

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### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Claudia Slater/ADFG

FROM:

Molly McCammo

Executive Director

RE:

Authorization -- Project 99311 / Pacific Herring Productivity

Dependencies: Stable Isotope Tracers

DATE:

September 9, 1998

The purpose of this memorandum is to formally authorize work to proceed on Project 99311/Pacific Herring Productivity Dependencies: Stable Isotope Tracers. The work must be performed consistent with the Detailed Project Description dated April 10, 1998 and the revised budget dated June 22, 1998.

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### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Bruce Wright / NQAA Liaison

FROM:

Molly McCammon

**Executive Director** 

RE:

Authorization -- Project 99320M / SEA: Observational Oceanography in

PWS and Gulf of Alaska

DATE:

September 9, 1998

The purpose of this memorandum is to formally authorize work to proceed on Project 99320M/SEA: Observational Oceanography in PWS and Gulf of Alaska. The work must be performed consistent with the Detailed Project Description and the revised budget dated July 14, 1998.

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### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Bruce Wright / NOAA Liaison

FROM:

Molly McCan

Executive Director

RE:

Authorization -- Project 99320N / Acoustic Assessment of Pink Salmon

Predators, Macrozooplankton Prey and Juvenile Herring in PWS

DATE:

September 9, 1998

The purpose of this memorandum is to formally authorize work to proceed on Project 99320N/Acoustic Assessment of Pink Salmon Predators, Macrozooplankton Prey and Juvenile Herring in PWS. The work must be performed consistent with the Detailed Project Description and the revised budget dated July 14, 1998.

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### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Bruce Wright / N/OAA Liaison

FROM:

Molly McCammonl

Executive Director

RE:

Authorization -- Project 99328 / Synthesis of the Toxicological and

Epidemiological Impacts of the Oil Spill on Pacific Herring

DATE:

September 9, 1998

The purpose of this memorandum is to formally authorize work to proceed on Project 99328/Synthesis of the Toxicological and Epidemiological Impacts of the Oil Spill on Pacific Herring. The work must be performed consistent with the Detailed Project Description and revised budget.





### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Bruce Wright / NOAA Liaison

FROM:

Molly McCammon(

Executive Director

RE:

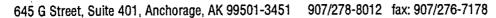
Partial Authorization -- Project 99329 / Synthesis of the Toxicological

Impacts on Pink Salmon

DATE:

September 9, 1998

The purpose of this memorandum is to formally authorize work to proceed on Project 99329/Synthesis of the Toxicological Impacts on Pink Salmon. The work must be performed consistent with the Detailed Project Description and the revised budget dated July 6, 1998.





### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Bruce Wright / NOAA Liaison

FROM:

Molly McCamreo

**Executive Director** 

RE:

Authorization -- Project 99330-BAA / Mass-Balance Model of Trophic

Fluxes in Prince William Sound

DATE:

September 9, 1998

The purpose of this memorandum is to formally authorize work to proceed on Project 99330/Mass-Balance Model of Trophic Fluxes in Prince William Sound. The work must be performed consistent with the Detailed Project Description and the revised budget prepared July 14, 1998.

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### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Claudia Slater/ADFG Liaison

FROM:

Molly McCanunon

Executive Director

RE:

Authorization -- Project 99340 / Toward Long-Term Oceanographic

Monitoring of the Gulf of Alaska Ecosystem

DATE:

September 9, 1998

The purpose of this memorandum is to formally authorize work to proceed on Project 99340/Toward Long-Term Oceanographic Monitoring of the Gulf of Alaska Ecosystem. The work must be performed consistent with the Detailed Project Description dated April 12, 1998 and the revised budget dated July 9, 1998.

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### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Claudia Slater/ADFG

FROM:

Molly McCammon

**Executive Director** 

RE:

Authorization -- Project 99341 / Harbor Seal Recovery: Controlled Studies

of Health and Diet

DATE:

September 9, 1998

The purpose of this memorandum is to formally authorize work to proceed on Project 99341/Harbor Seal Recovery: Controlled Studies of Health and Diet. The work must be performed consistent with the revised Detailed Project Description dated July 2, 1998 and the revised budget dated July 9, 1998.

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### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Bruce Wright / NOAA Liaison

FROM:

Molly McCammon

**Executive Director** 

RE:

Authorization -- Project 99347 / Fatty Acid Profile and Lipid Class Analysis

for Estimating Diet Composition and Quality at Different Trophic Levels

DATE:

September 9, 1998

The purpose of this memorandum is to formally authorize work to proceed on Project 99347/Fatty Acid Profile and Lipid Class Analysis for Estimating Diet Composition and Quality at Different Trophic Levels. The work must be performed consistent with the Detailed Project Description dated March 31, 1998 and the revised budget dated July 2, 1998.

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### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Bruce Wright / NQAA Liaison

FROM:

Molly McCammon

Executive Director

RE:

Authorization -- Project 99368 / Maps Depicting Environmentally Sensitive

Areas in PWS (Summary Seasonal Maps Only)

DATE:

September 9, 1998

The purpose of this memorandum is to formally authorize work to proceed on Project 99368/Maps Depicting Environmentally Sensitive Areas in PWS. The work must be performed consistent with the revised Detailed Project Description and budget (submitted June 1998).

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### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Claudia Slater / ADFG Liaison

FROM:

Molly McCammon

**Executive Director** 

RE:

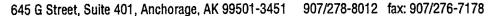
Authorization -- Project 99367 / Synthesis and Publication of Fisheries

Research

DATE:

September 9, 1998

The purpose of this memorandum is to formally authorize work to proceed on Project 99367/Synthesis and Publication of Fisheries Research. The work must be performed consistent with the Detailed Project Description and budget dated August 31, 1998.





### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Claudia Slater / ADFG Liaison

FROM:

Molly McCammon

**Executive Director** 

RE:

Authorization -- Project 99371 / Effects of Harbor Seal Metabolism on

Stable Isotope Ratio Tracers

DATE:

September 9, 1998

The purpose of this memorandum is to formally authorize work to proceed on Project 99371/Effects of Harbor Seal Metabolism on Stable Isotope Ratio Tracers. The work must be performed consistent with the revised Detailed Project Description dated July 2, 1998.

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### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Claudia Slater / ADFG Liaison

FROM:

Molly McCammo

Executive Director

RE:

Authorization -- Project 99375 / Effect of Herring Egg Distribution and

Ecology on Year-Class Strength and Adult Distribution

DATE:

September 9, 1998

The purpose of this memorandum is to formally authorize work to proceed on Project 99375/Effect of Herring Egg Distribution and Ecology on Year-Class Strength and Adult Distribution. The work must be performed consistent with the Detailed Project Description dated April 13, 1998 and the revised budget.

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### MEMORANDUM

TO:

Public Advisory Group

FROM:

Molly McCammo

**Executive Director** 

DATE:

September 9, 1998

SUBJ:

Seward Area Restoration Projects and Habitat Parcels

Attached you will find several items regarding to restoration program projects and small parcel habitat acquisitions in the Seward area.

### Habitat Protection - Grouse Lake and Lowell Point

Copies of the location maps and restoration benefits reports for the Grouse Lake and Lowell Point small parcels are attached.

### **Qutekcak Hatchery - Clam Restoration Project**

The Trustee Council authorized \$83,400 for Project 99131/Chugach Native Region Clam Restoration in FY 99. This project is in the fifth year of a five-year effort; through FY 99 the Trustee Council has authorized a total of \$1.219 million for Project /131.The essential goal of the project is to develop cost-effective procedures for establishing easily accessible subsistence clam populations near Native villages in the oil spill region. In FY 99 the project 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. Jon Agosti will provide the PAG with a tour of the facility and discuss the clam restoration project.

### Alaska SeaLife Center

The Trustee Council authorized seven restoration projects for FY 99 at the Alaska SeaLife Center. Five of these projects are currently on-going (99190, 99252, 99327, 99341, 99348) and two are new (99371, 99441). A spreadsheet that provides an abstract for each project along with other information is attached.

attachments

### KEN 1014: Grouse Lake

Acreage: 64 Rank: PMSC Sponsor: USFS Appraised Value: \$211,000

Owner: Jim McCracken (Agent)

Location: West shore of Grouse Lake, 7.5 miles north of Seward on the Seward Highway

Parcel Description. The Grouse Lake parcel is located on the west shore of Grouse Lake and includes approximately 1/4 mile of lakeshore 7.5 miles north of Seward on the Seward Highway. The parcel is the only level access area around Grouse Lake and Grouse Creek. The parcel is heavily forested and the lake and streams have clear water.

Restoration Benefits. Public ownership of this parcel will protect habitat for pink salmon, sockeye salmon, Dolly Varden, by preventing further development of the site. Acquisition will further benefit the restoration of sockeye salmon by ensuring continued access to Grouse Lake for ADFG's sockeye salmon stocking program. Public ownership of this parcel will also allow the USFS to replace and enhance recreational uses, such as sport fishing and wildlife viewing, that rely on natural resources that were injured in the spill.

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

- Pink salmon and Dolly Varden. The parcel provides key habitat for pink salmon and Dolly Varden. Pink salmon spawn in the two streams on this parcel and Dolly Varden spawn in the streams and are reared in Grouse Lake.
- Sockeye salmon. Grouse Lake is the site of an active sockeye salmon stocking program by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.
- Recreation/tourism. The lake has long been a favorite recreation area used by local residents and tourists for many years. Activities include camping, hiking and sport fishing. Sport fishing is the most popular activity including summer and winter fishing for Dolly Varden. This parcel provides an ideal location for a campground and a fishing area accessible to the handicapped.
- Bald eagles and river otters may also benefit from protection of this parcel. Bald eagles use the area, although there is no documented nesting. River otters are frequently seen in the lake and creek.

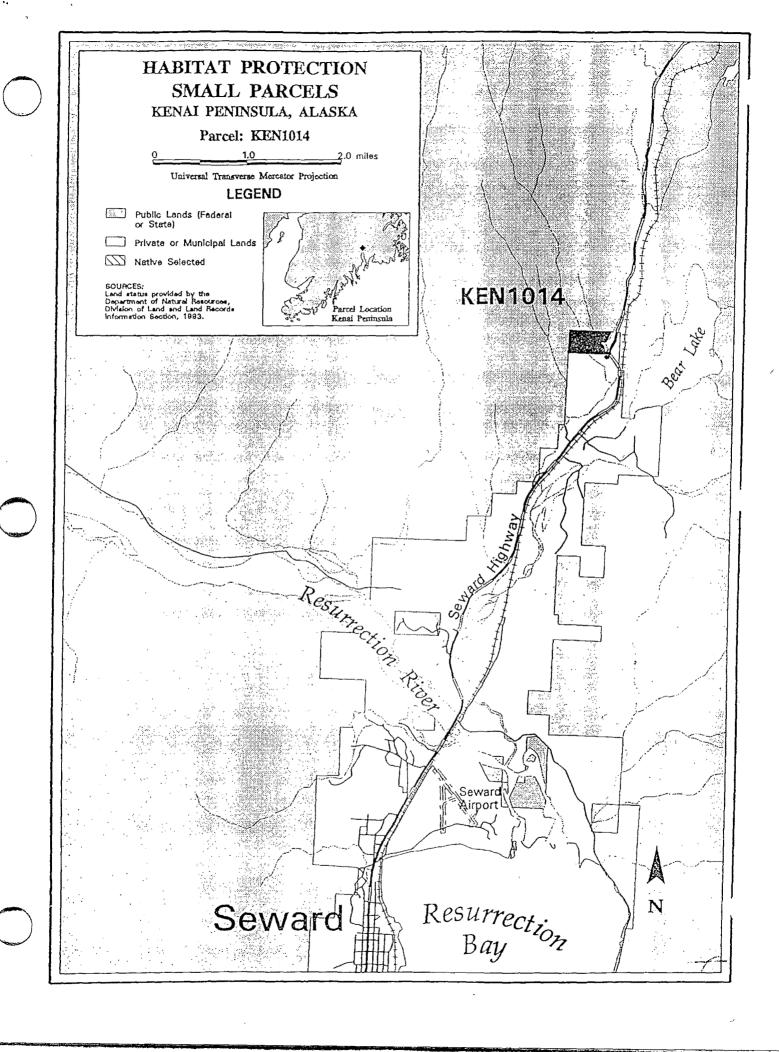
Potential Threats. Because of its proximity to the city of Seward and the Seward Highway, and its level topography, this parcel has development potential. Development possibilities include a residential subdivision or recreational cabins.

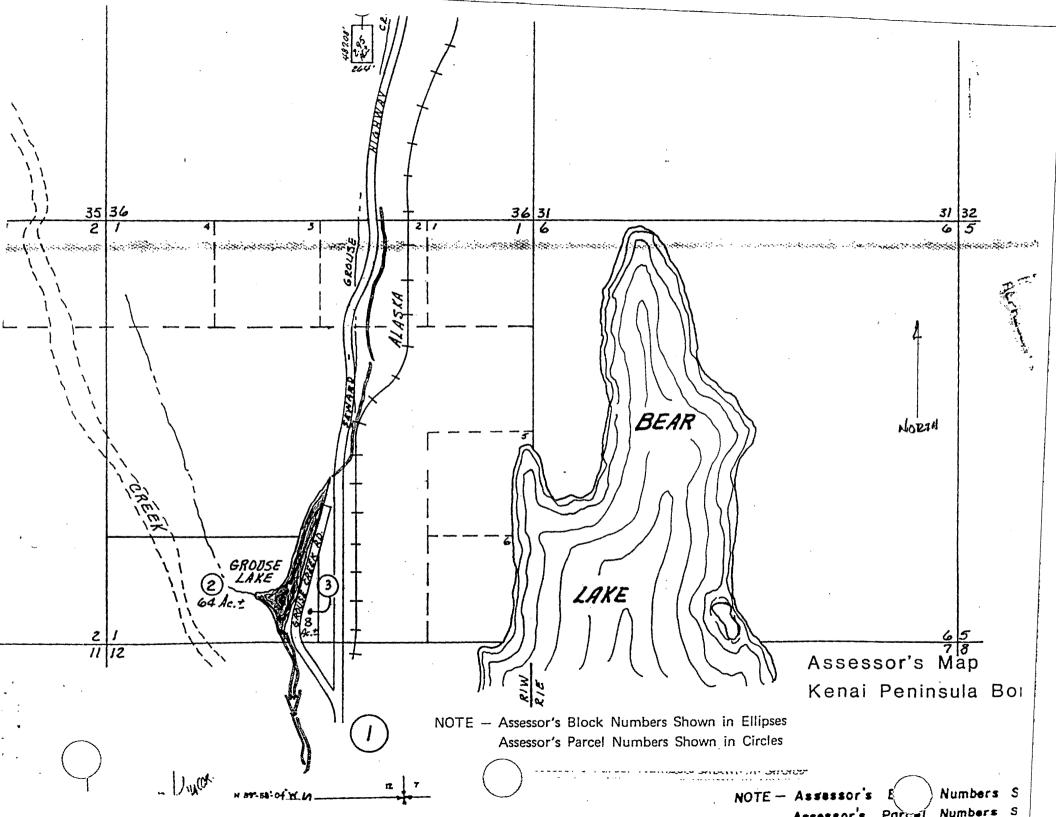
Appraised Value. The appraised value of this parcel is \$211,000. This parcel is vacant and unimproved. The highest and best use of this parcel is for a homesite and future subdivision when the market warrants.

Proposed Management. This parcel is an inholding in Chugach National Forest. If the parcel is acquired, it would become part of the Chugach National Forest and be managed by the U.S. Forest Service for conservation.

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







### KEN 1015: Lowell Point

Acreage: 19.4 Rank: PMSC Sponsor: ADNR Appraised Value: \$531,000

Owner: Jim McCracken (Agent)

Location: One mile south of Alaska Sealife Center. Seward

Parcel Description. This parcel is vegetated; in part, by hemlock and spruce. The parcel has approximately 700 feet of Resurrection Bay frontage.

Restoration Benefits. This parcel serves as a gateway to Resurrection Bay for small boat operators and kayakers, and also has a hiking trail to Caines Head State Recreation Area. Public ownership of this parcel will ensure public access to Resurrection Bay and the state park. Acquisition will also provide a buffer area between subdivisions to the north and this important public access route.

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

• Recreation/tourism. A hiking trail to Caines Head State Recreation Area runs through this parcel. The parcel provides access to Resurrection Bay for small boats and kayaks. It is also popular for fishing, picnicking, camping, and beachcombing.

The intertidal area is primarily sand and gravel beach. Although the intertidal area is valuable for access to Resurrection Bay and educational field trips, it does not provide key habitat for intertidal biota. Key intertidal habitat is characterized by dense seagrass beds, clam beds, mussel beds, and high diversity.

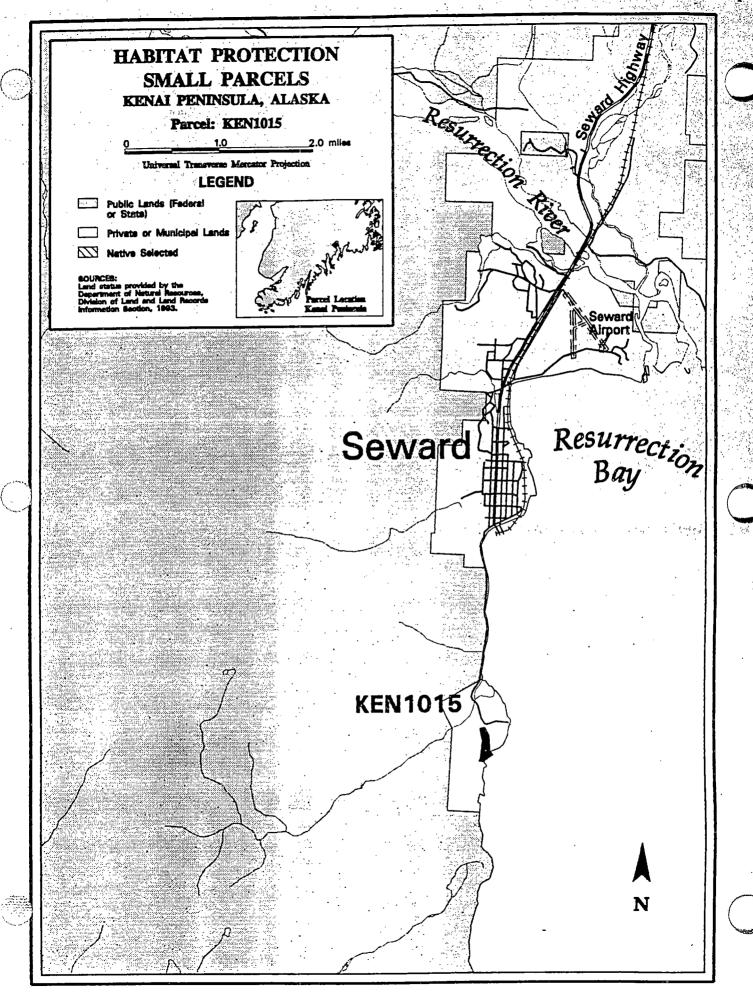
Potential Threats. This parcel has development potential as a residential subdivision. A tract of land to the north of this parcel is already subdivided. A road right-of-way exists to the west of this parcel and the site is served by electrical and telephone service. The landowner has recently planned to develop the property for private recreational cabins and camp areas. These developments may close off public beach access.

Appraised Value. The appraised value of this parcel is \$531,000. The parcel has been improved with a 640-square foot cabin, well, and septic. The highest and best use of this parcel is residential or recreational development or long-term holding of the parcel for future land value increases prior to subdividing.

Proposed Management. The purpose of acquisition is to preserve and protect in perpetuity the ecological, natural, physical and scenic values of the subject property for the benefit of fish and wildlife resources and services that were injured in the Exxon Valdez oil spill. ADNR proposes to manage this parcel to enhance recreation and ensure public access to Caines Head Trail. In their justification for sponsoring this parcel, Alaska State Parks stated, "A private house and other small structures are located in the center of this parcel. These structures would be efficiently used to help park staff manage this parcel and Caines Head State Recreation Area." The parcel will probably be classified "Public Recreation Land."

Alaska State Parks has allocated \$200,000 in state restitution funds to develop day use parking, trailhead, and interpretive exhibits on this parcel.

Public Comment. Forty-four individuals expressed support for acquisition of this parcel. Many of the letters were written by students, parents, and teachers from Inlet View Elementary School in Anchorage, and Homestead School and Fire Lake Elementary School, both in Eagle River. All three schools sponsor field trips to Lowell Point. Individuals from Seward, other communities in the Kenai Peninsula, and Anchorage also voiced support for acquisition of this parcel.



### PROJECTS THAT WILL USE THE ALASKA SEALIFE CENTER -- FY 99

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99190	Construction of a Linkage Map for the Pink Salmon Genome	F. Allendorf/Univ. Montana	ADFG	Cont'd 4th yr. 5 yr. project	\$212.1	\$399.4
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99252	Investigations of Genetically Important Conservation Units of Rockfish and Walleye Pollock	J. Seeb, L. Seeb/ADFG	ADFG	Cont'd 2nd yr. 5 yr. project	\$232.5	\$232.5
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99327	Pigeon Guillemot Restoration Research at the Alaska SeaLife Center	D. Roby/Oregon State Univ.	DOI	Cont'd 2nd yr. 4 yr. project	\$166.1	\$428.9
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99341	Harbor Seal Recovery: Controlled Studies of Health and Diet	M. Castellini/UAF	ADFG	Cont'd 2nd yr. 4 yr. project	\$194.2	\$403.7
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### PROJECTS THAT WILL USE THE ALASKA SEALIFE CENTER -- FY 99

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99348	Responses of River Otters to Oil Contamination: A Controlled Study of Biological Stress Markers	M. Ben-David, T. Bowyer, L. Duffy/UAF	ADFG	Cont'd 2nd yr. 2 yr. project	\$240.1	\$240.1
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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	\$313.6
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99441	Harbor Seal Recovery: Effects of Diet on Lipid Metabolism and Health	R. Davis/Texas A&M Univ.	ADFG	New	\$140.9	\$272.5
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in-depth understanding of the nutritional role and assessment of dietary fat for harbor seals.

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### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

**Public Advisory Group** 

FROM:

Molly McCamhion

Executive Director

DATE:

September 8, 1998

SUBJ:

Kenai River - Trustee Council Parcels and Projects

Please find enclosed several items regarding restoration efforts along the Kenai River. This includes material from a variety of sources that describe efforts to protect, restore and enhance Kenai River resources and services.

### Background

Trustee Council restoration efforts along the Kenai River are a result of injuries sustained to resources and services as a result of the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill.

- Overescapement of sockeye salmon Closure of commercial fisheries in Cook Inlet during the spill resulted in an excessive return of sockeye to the Kenai River system. Too many returning sockeye overpopulated the natal lakes which did not have a forage base (plankton) adequate to support the increased population. This change in trophic structure resulted in poor fry survival. Trustee Council expenditures on sockeye research -- most of which concerned sockeye in the Kenai River -- were directed at documenting the effects of overescapement and the mechanism by which it acts. In addition, there was a substantial investment in improved management (e.g., genetic stock identification), both to speed recovery from the overescapement event as well as to enhance Kenia River sockeye populations over the long term. The effects of the overescapement event persisted through 1995 but were no longer evident by 1998.
- Recreation and tourism The oil spill disrupted use and enjoyment of the spill area
  for recreation/tourism, which is considered to be a lost or reduced service under the
  civil settlement. Efforts to protect and restore habitat along the Kenai River benefit
  not only sockeye salmon and other biological resources but also recreation and
  tourism. Although the Kenai itself was not oiled, efforts along the river help to
  restore, replace and enhance these services.

The Kenai River system has annually produced approximately 40 percent of the commercial sockeye salmon harvest in Cook Inlet and 30 percent of the commercial

chinook salmon harvest. The chinook harvest has ranged from about 8,000 to 40,000 fish and the sockeye harvest has ranged from about 2.5 million to 9.5 million fish. Combined, sport anglers and commercial fishermen provide as much as \$78 million to the state's economy each year (Liepitz, 1994).

There are indications, however, that the Kenai River is in danger. Sportfishing on the river almost doubled from 1981 to 1994, climbing from about 129,000 angler days to nearly 341,000 angler days (Howe, 1995). This has, in turn, resulted in streambank trampling and increased erosion as more anglers seek out fishing opportunities. Overcrowding, trespass and waste disposal problems have all become common place. Subdivision development has increased, putting further pressure on the river's resources.

The riparian zone along the banks of the river support important fish and wildlife habitat and play a critical role in maintaining the health and productivity of the river. Vegetation along this corridor helps maintain water quality, controls erosion and provides important fisheries habitat. Juvenile salmon in particular depend heavily upon the riparian zone for food, cover and migration. Undercut banks with overhanging vegetation provide cover for fish, allowing them to avoid predation, feed and grow.

Using chinook salmon as the study species and juvenile rearing habitat as the key indicator, a 1994 survey determined that 11-12 percent (i.e., 18 - 20 miles) of the river corridor had been impacted by bank trampling, vegetation loss and structural development. Degraded public land along the Kenai River included 5.4 miles of trampled riparian habitat and 3.5 miles of developed shoreline. In the case of chinook salmon on the Kenai River, available rearing habitat, which generally consists of a 6' wide corridor along the river, constitutes only 121 acres along the 67 mile length of the river. The amount of habitat loss for other fish species is not known.

Interest in conserving the resources and services of the Kenai River has resulted in a wide variety of public and private efforts as reflected in the enclosed materials. The Trustee Council has contributed through the use of civil settlement funds for the purchase of small parcels from willing sellers as well as for projects to protect river frontage using a combination of "bioengineering" and recreational facility development to better manage human use (Project /180). A brief narrative of Trustee Council funded small parcels and other restoration efforts, organized in the sequence of travel from Skilak Lake to the mouth of the river, is attached.

(A more comprehensive booklet describing all Kenai Peninsula restoration projects funded from both the civil settlement as well as the criminal settlement is also included in your briefing packet.)

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### Public Advisory Group September 16, 1998

### Kenai River - Restoration Projects and Habitat Protection Parcels

The following list briefly describes Trustee Council restoration projects and small parcel acquisitions along the Kenai River. Some projects are still in progress as part of the three-year \$1.87 million Project 99180: Kenai River Habitat Restoration and Recreation Enhancement. There are also a number of additional small parcel nominations submitted by willing private sellers still under review. This narrative includes only those projects or parcel acquisitions along the Kenai that the Trustee Council has funded or contributed funding to; the list does not include projects or parcels along sidestreams (e.g., Moose River habitat parcel) or further upstream in the watershed (e.g., Russian River campground). For additional information, please contact the Restoration Office at 278-8012.

### Middle River: Skilak Lake (RM 50) to Centennial Park (RM 21)

Note: RM refers to River Mile. RB refers to Right Bank and LB refers to Left Bank (as you move downstream).

RM 50 Skilak Lake outfall: Start of trip.

- RM 47 RB/LB KEN 1004/Stephanka parcel (803 acres): The Stephanka parcel was part of a larger "package" of parcels offered for sale by the Kenai Native Association (KNA) to the Department of the Interior which also included some land exchanges. In total, the package will return approximately 15,500 acres to the Kenai NWR with approximately 1,800 acres of Refuge land transferred to KNA. Completely surrounded by the Kenai NWR, the Stephanka parcel was one of the highest scored parcels evaluated under the small parcel program. The Trustee Council contributed \$4 million toward the purchase of the KNA package. In addition to important values for anadromous fish species, this parcel was recognized for river otter habitat as well as cultural resources.
- RM 39.5 RB Bings Landing State Recreation Site: A combination of Trustee Council approved civil settlement funds (Project /180) and state criminal settlement funds have been used at Bings Landing. Restoration work includes revegetation of approximately 200' of heavily trampled shoreline (coir log, live staking, gratewalk). Other new recreational facilities at Bings Landing include the addition of 36 new campsites, latrines and interpretive panels.
- RM 32 LB KEN 148/River Ranch parcel (146 acres): One of the larger parcels on the river, this property was historically used as a horse and cattle ranch and riparian vegetation along portions of the river was cleared or trampled by livestock. Elimination of this source of erosion will allow for reestablishment of native riparian vegetation. The popular Morgans Landing fishing hole is immediately down stream and this section of the river receives high public use from boat and shore-based anglers. A relatively flat tract, this \$1.65 million parcel has high potential for intensive commercial uses that could compromise other river resource values.
- **Funny River**: Located at the confluence of the Funny River and the Kenai River, this unit of the State Park system has suffered from accelerated bank erosion due to foot traffic and boat wakes along approximately 300' of river frontage. The wetlands at the

confluence and the Funny River riparian area upstream of the confluence have also been degraded. Objectives of this project (Project /180) are to revegetate trampled streambanks, provide access for sockeye fishing via elevated gratewalk/fishing platforms and to maintain closure areas to protect vegetation along the river.

**KEN 54/Salamatof parcel** (1,377 acres): One of the largest undeveloped parcels on the Kenai River, the \$2.32 million Salamatof parcel extends along approximately 2 miles of river bank between RM 28 and RM 26. The parcel will be incorporated within the Kenai NWR and managed consistent with restoration purposes.

RM 26 RB KEN 1051 & 1052/SNA parcels (21.1 acres): These two small parcels (10.8 and 10.3 acres respectively), with a combined value of \$183,000, are located within the Moose Meadows subdivision. Acquisition of these parcels will provide for restoration of fishing opportunities on this popular stretch of the Kenai River. The number of bank anglers pursuing second run sockeye salmon has increased dramatically over the past 10 years. The USFWS maintains a 25' public easement along both sides of the river and serious bank habitat damage and sloughing has occurred along this corridor. The damage resulted in closure of the easement in 1995, 1996 and 1997. The Kenai Refuge has received special funding for riverbank restoration and protection and it is intended that these parcels will be developed as public fishing sites with gratewalk to protect streamside vegetation.

RM 24.5 LB KEN 1034/Patson parcel (76 acres): This large undeveloped tract just upstream of the City of Soldotna provides an opportunity to protect important upland and riparian habitat that includes low, overhanging grassy banks for fish rearing and extensive wetlands for maintaining water quality/flood control. With a purchase value of \$450,000, this parcel has approximately linear 1,500' of riparian habitat. Completion of this parcel purchase by the Alaska Department of Natural Resources is pending legislative approval.

Soldotna Airport Rotary Park: Objectives at Rotary Park (Project /180) include protection and restoration of streambank vegetation and providing recreational enhancements that focus sportfishing use and promote non-damaging access to the Kenai River. In 1993, the City of Soldotna and the USFWS funded substantial recreational facilities (parking lot, trail, handicap access) at Rotary Park and the Soldotna Visitor's Center has referred large numbers of anglers to this location. Increased use has resulted in erosion and loss of vegetation. The project will install approximately 300' of elevated light-penetrating gratewalk. Fencing will be designed to create exclusion areas to protect vegetation and streambank restoration will occur along approximately 105' of shoreline (coir logs, grass plugs, willow sprigs, etc.). Spruce tree revetments will be installed along approximately 75' of shoreline.

KEN 1038/Roberts parcel - Soldotna "Fish Walk" (3.3 acres): Adjacent to the Kenai Peninsula Visitors Center, the Roberts parcel slopes down to the Kenai River with approximately 640' of river frontage. This parcel is the location of the Soldotna "Fishwalk" a joint effort by the non-profit Kenai River Sportfishing Association, the City of Soldotna, the State of Alaska, and the private landowner. This gratewalk along the river, constructed at a cost of more than \$125,000 dollars, provides a popular fishing platform. Purchase of the Roberts parcel with civil settlement funds at a cost of \$698,000 permanently secured the Fishwalk which had been developed under the terms of an easement. The Roberts parcel protection together with the Fishwalk provide a high profile example of habitat protection compatible with intensive recreational sportfishing use.

Centennial Park: Restoration work at Centennial Park was jointly funded by the Trustee Council (Project /180) and other funding sources. Prior to the project this popular fishing site located near the Soldotna bridge was severely trampled and eroded from foot traffic down a steep slope to the river edge. Backfill, coir log, root wads, and brush mattressing have been used together with fenced exclusion areas to revegetate this bank and restore habitat along approximately 650' feet of river bank. An angler trail is being developed as part of the project. The trail is intended to efficiently funnel anglers to walkways and access points (stairways) while protecting vegetation from trampling.

### Lower River - Centennial Park (RM 21) to Cook Inlet (RM 0)

**RM 21 LB** 

- RM 20 RB KEN 1006/Girves parcel (110 acres): Located just outside the City of Soldotna across the river from two heavily used state recreation sites (Centennial Park and Slikok Creek State Recreation Area), this \$1.83 million parcel provides key fisheries habitat. Prior to purchase, the landowner was experiencing a high degree of trespass associated with the sport fishery as well as significant erosion and the associated loss of habitat. Public ownership of this parcel will allow the parcel to be managed to protect the natural, physical and biological values of the parcel.
- RM 19.5 LB Endicott Sonar Site: ADF&G operates a sonar fish counting and sampling site at this location. The site is characterized by a low grassy floodplain terrace with undercut banks of silt and clay. Restoration work (Project /180) has included installation of elevated light-penetrating gratewalk to allow ADFG technicians to use the site without trampling vegetation.
- Slikok Creek: Slikok Creek is a day use facility and the vast majority of park users are streambank fishermen. Restoration and recreational enhancement work at Slikok includes replacement of existing stairs down the bluff to the riverbank and installation of a gratedeck landing at the river, installation of extensive gratewalk with 3 seasonably removable stairs for the hipboot fishery and bioengineering to stabilize and revegetate several hundred feet of riverbank.
- RM 16.5 RB Big Eddy: Big Eddy State Recreation Area has had a dock and restroom facility since 1986. Heavy angler use and boat wakes resulted in severe riverbank degradation and in 1995 the remaining 400' of riverfrontage downstream of Big Eddy was closed to protect riparian vegetation while the riprap project (slowly slipping into the river) needed to be removed. Restoration efforts at Big Eddy include removal of the riprap, relocation of an existing walkway to provide more bank stability, revegetation, installation of more than 200' of elevated gratewalk, a 24'X32' fishing platform and a floating dock.
- RM 15.5 LB Ciechanski: Ciechanski State Recreation Area has had a dock and restroom facility since 1985. Heavy angler use and boat wakes resulted in severe riverbank degradation and in 1995 the dock platform was pulled due to excessive erosion. Streambank restoration and soil bioengineering has included a variety of techniques including use of coir logs, live siltation (320'), brush matting (135'), live staking and cabled spruce trees (50'). The project will include installation of 190' of elevated gratewalk and installation of a 10' X 9' aluminum floating dock.
- RM 14.5 RB KEN 10/Kobylarz parcel (20 acres): With approximately 1,100' of riverbank frontage immediately adjacent to the popular Big Eddy fishing hole, this parcel consists of a large wetland and spring fed slough. The slough provides excellent rearing and overwintering habitat for Dolly Varden, chinook and coho salmon. Valued at

\$320,000, this parcel had previously been considered for a development project by the prior landowners that would have filled approximately 4.3 acres of wetlands. These wetlands are a particularly valuable resource as a final filtering system for runoff that is destined for the river.

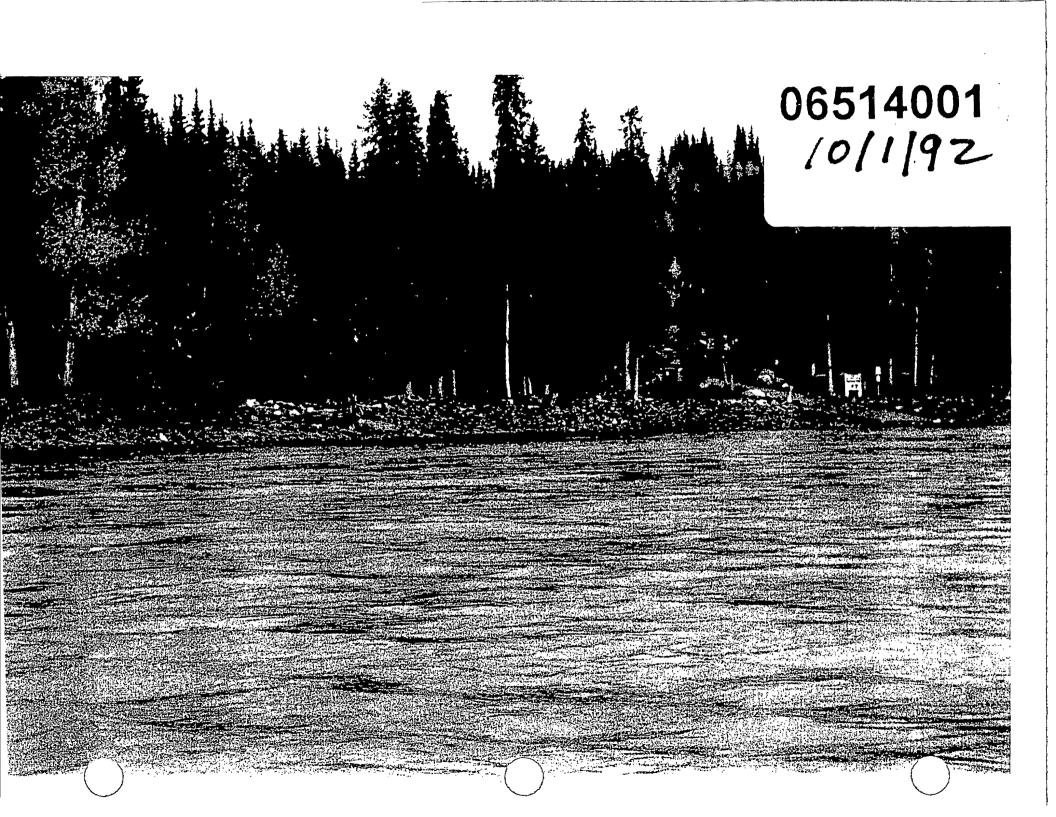
RM 14.5 RB KEN 1049/Mansholt parcel (1.6 acres): This parcel is contiguous with the KEN 10/Kobylarz parcel located along the river at the Big Eddy fishing hole. Valued at \$55,000, this parcel supports a spring fed slough and riparian wetland that provide important rearing habitat for coho and chinook salmon.

RM 7 RB KEN 34/Cone parcel (100 acres): Located near the mouth of the Kenai River, this parcel is characterized by tidal marsh with surrounding uplands that are a mixture of bog meadow, grasses, shrubs and spruce forest. One of the higher scored parcels for its diverse resource values, this tract was purchased for \$600,000. Estuarine wetlands such as those on the property are used by salmon smolt for cover and feeding prior to their outmigration to Cook Inlet. The Kenai Flats provide important habitat for a variety of waterfowl, shorebirds, and raptors. Threats to this parcel included interest on the part of the landowner in developing a boat launch facility and parking development prior to nominating it for consideration by the Trustee Council.

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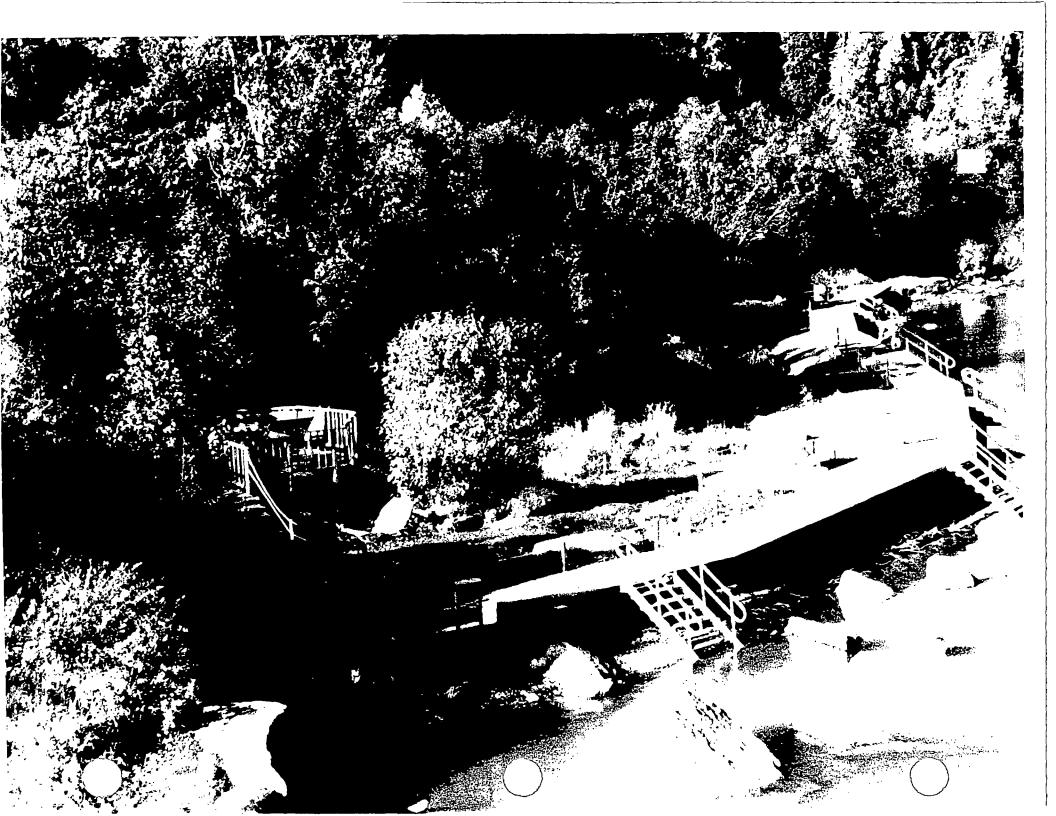
Kenai Beach Dunes: The beach area near the mouth on the north side of the Kenai River has developed into a popular site for a dipnet fishery authorized by the Alaska Board of Fisheries. The beach dunes in this area were becoming severely degraded as a result of foot traffic and unauthorized ATV and 4-wheel vehicle use. Wetlands in the area were also being damaged by vehicles using the area for parking and as a turn-around. Restoration work (Project /180) involved transporting 76 concrete pilings to be installed along the sides of the road to prevent off-road driving. Elevated gratewalks and stairways were constructed to provide public access across the dunes and down to the beach. The City of Kenai has proposed an expansion of the parking facilities in this area. (See Project 99387 Detailed Project Description.)

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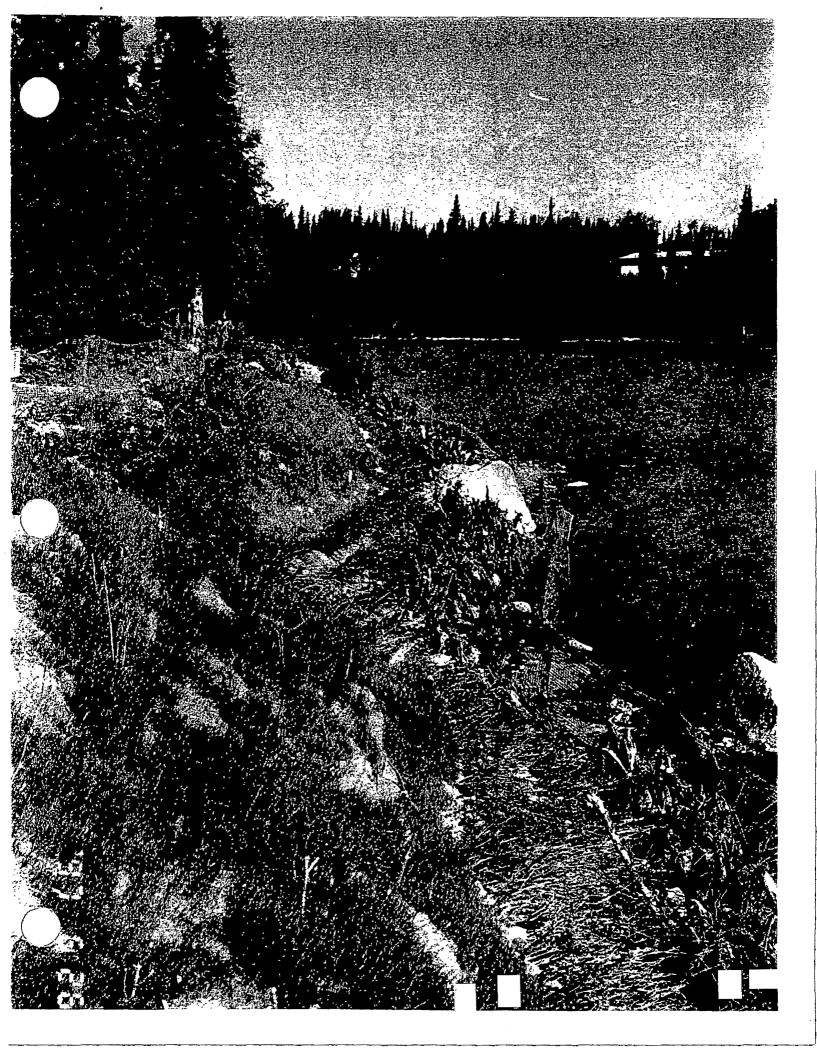
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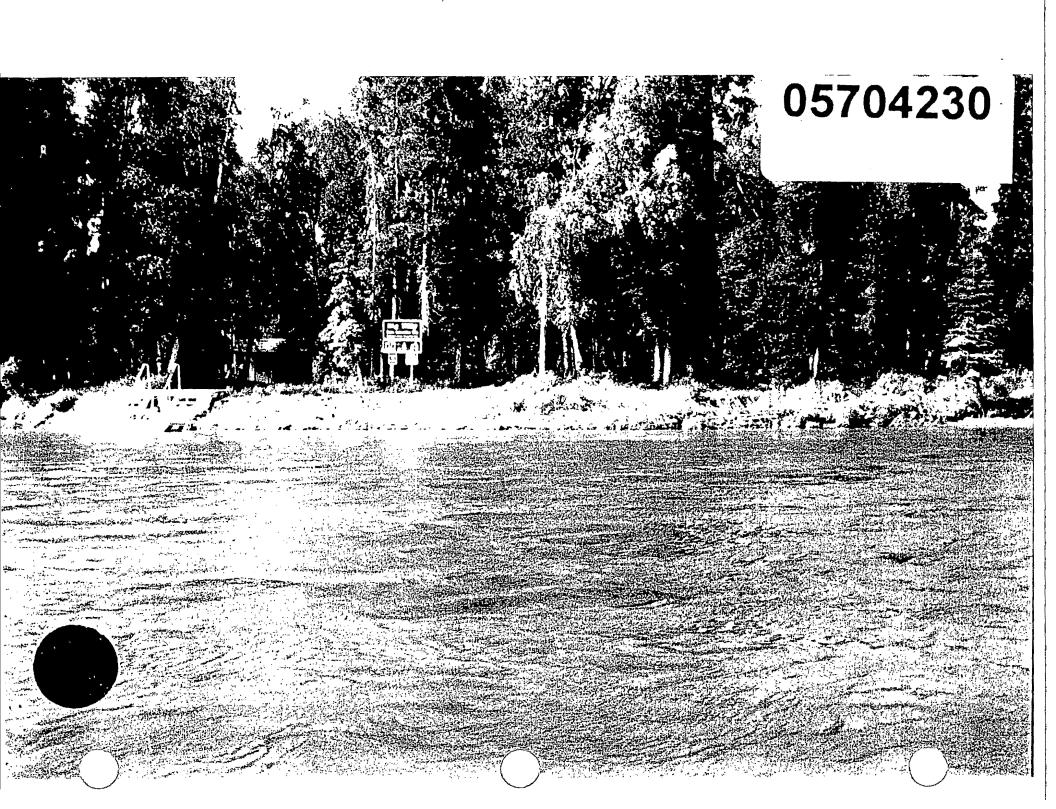


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### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Claudia Slater/ADFG

FROM:

Molly McCammon

**Executive Director** 

RE:

Partial Authorization -- Project 99052B / Traditional Ecological Knowledge

DATE:

September 8, 1998

The purpose of this memorandum is to formally authorize work to proceed on Objectives 1, 2, and 4 of Project 99052B/Traditional Ecological Knowledge. The work must be performed consistent with the revised Detailed Project Description.

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### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Claudia Slater / ADFG

FROM:

Molly McCammon

**Executive Director** 

RE:

Authorization -- Project 99064 / Monitoring, Habitat Use, and Trophic

Interactions of Harbor Seals in Prince William Sound

DATE:

September 9, 1998

The purpose of this memorandum is to formally authorize work to proceed on Project 99064 / Monitoring, Habitat Use, and Trophic Interactions of Harbor Seals in Prince William Sound. The work must be performed consistent with the Detailed Project Description dated April 9, 1998.

Alaska Department of Law

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### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Claudia Slater / ADFG

FROM:

Molly McCamrifon

**Executive Director** 

RE:

Authorization -- Project 99162A / Investigations of Disease Factors

Affecting Declines of Pacific Herring Populations: Manuscripts &

Conference Preparation (Part A)

DATE:

September 8, 1998

The purpose of this memorandum is to formally authorize work to proceed on Project 99162A / Investigations of Disease Factors Affecting Declines of Pacific Herring Populations: Manuscripts & Conference Preparation (Part A). The work must be performed consistent with the Detailed Project Description dated March 25, 1998.

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### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Claudia Slater / ADFG

FROM:

Molly McCammon

**Executive Director** 

RE:

Authorization -- Project 99162B / Investigations of Disease Factors

Affecting Declines of Pacific Herring Populations: Manuscripts &

Conference Preparation (Part B)

DATE:

September 8, 1998

The purpose of this memorandum is to formally authorize work to proceed on Project 99162B / Investigations of Disease Factors Affecting Declines of Pacific Herring Populations: Manuscripts & Conference Preparation (Part B). The work must be performed consistent with the Detailed Project Description dated April 7, 1998.

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### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Bruce Wright/NOAA

FROM:

Molly McCammon

**Executive Director** 

RE:

Authorization -- Project 99163 / APEX: Alaska Predator Ecosystem

Experiment in Prince William Sound and the Gulf of Alaska

DATE:

September 9, 1998

The purpose of this memorandum is to formally authorize work to proceed on Project 99163/APEX. All work must be performed consistent with the Detailed Project Description prepared April 1998.

CC:

Bill Hauser/ADFG

Catherine Berg/DOI-USFWS





### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Claudia Slater / ADFG Liaison

FROM:

Molly McCamnig

**Executive Director** 

RE:

Authorization -- Project 99441 / Harbor Seal Recovery: Effects of Diet on

Lipid Metabolism and Health

DATE:

September 8, 1998

The purpose of this memorandum is to formally authorize work to proceed on Project 99441/Harbor Seal Recovery: Effects of Diet on Lipid Metabolism and Health. The work must be performed consistent with the revised Detailed Project Description submitted July 7, 1998.

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### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Claudia Slater / ADFG Liaison

FROM:

Molly McCammon

Executive Director

RE:

Authorization -- Project 99462 / Effect of Disease on Pacific Herring

Population Recovery in PWS

DATE:

September 8, 1998

The purpose of this memorandum is to formally authorize work to proceed on Project 99462/Effect of Disease on Pacific Herring Population Recovery in PWS. The work must be performed consistent with the revised Detailed Project Description dated April 1998.

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### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Claudia Slater/ADFG

FROM:

Molly McCammor

**Executive Director** 

RE:

- Authorization -- Project 99191A / Field Examination of Oil-Related Embryo

Mortalities in Pink Salmon Populations in Prince William Sound

DATE:

September 8, 1998

The purpose of this memorandum is to formally authorize work to proceed on Project 99191A / Field Examination of Oil-Related Embryo Mortalities in Pink Salmon Populations in Prince William Sound. The work must be performed consistent with the revised Detailed Project Description.

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### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Claudia Slater/ADFG

FROM:

Molly McCammon

**Executive Director** 

RE:

Authorization -- Project 99190 / Construction of a Linkage Map for the

Pink Salmon Genome

DATE:

September 8, 1998

The purpose of this memorandum is to formally authorize work to proceed on Project 99190 / Construction of a Linkage Map for the Pink Salmon Genome. The work must be performed consistent with the Detailed Project Description revised July 1998.

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#### MEMORANDUM

TO:

Trustee Council Members

FROM:

Molly Mis Gammen

Executive Director

DATE:

September 4, 1998

RE:

Update on status of investing Exxon Valdez Joint Trust Fund

As you know, we have been seeking statutory language from Congress that would allow the Exxon Valdez Joint Trust Fund to be invested outside the U.S. Treasury and the Registry of the U.S. District Court for Alaska. This change is being sought for two reasons: first, to achieve efficiencies by reducing the fees currently charged by the court system for their investment and management services and second, to maximize investment earnings while still maintaining the safety of the investments.

Currently, Senators Ted Stevens and Frank Murkowski have added a rider to the 1999 Commerce-State-Justice Appropriations bill which would permit such a change, but would also restrict the potential use of any earnings acquired by using this new authority. These restrictions are currently unacceptable. Although some interest in revising this language has been expressed by the senators' staffs, I have not seen anything in writing, nor have I been able to meet directly with the senators on this issue.

The Trustee Council has attempted to remedy this situation for years, beginning in 1991 when the settlement between the state and federal governments and Exxon Corporation was first negotiated. On the fee issue, the court system thus far has been unwilling to waive its fees, and the federal court judge overseeing the case has indicated his belief that it lacks authority to do so. Regarding the investment issue, the U.S. Department of Justice has indicated that federal law requires the trust funds to be kept in accounts in the U.S. Treasury such as the Registry of the Court. In order to increase the fund's rate of return, the Trustee Council has established a separate account within the court registry which is invested in longer-term Treasury securities. The increase in interest earnings however, is relatively small. Without a specific statutory exemption, it appears that the Trustees have no further ability to improve the fund's rate of return.

The settlement calls for the \$900 million from Exxon, paid out over a 10-year period, as well as the accrued interest, to be used for restoration purposes. Since 1991, the Council has paid a total of \$2.4 million in fees to the court system. The Council's independent auditors found that "the fees charged for this service are clearly disproportionate to the costs incurred by the Court Clerk for this service." The Alaska State Department of Revenue indicates they could have provided the same level of service for a cost of approximately \$230 thousand, or less than a tenth of the cost, during the same period of time.

Additionally, the Court Registry Investment System averaged a rate of return of approximately 4.78% in the past year. In contrast, over the last 5 years the Alaska Permanent Fund has averaged a return of 12.91%; the Alaska Public Employees Retirement System has averaged 12.92%; and the Alaska Teachers Retirement System has averaged 13.12%. Even the state's General Fund, which is used for the state's day to day operations, has averaged 5.70% over the past 5 years. If the Joint funds had been invested in the Alaska Permanent Fund, an additional \$39 million would have been earned since the settlement. Even under a conservative investment scenario with a return of 8%, we estimate that since 1991, more than \$16 million has been lost in unrealized earnings.

Between exorbitant fees and unrealized earnings, we estimate that the spill-impacted area has lost between \$16 million and \$39 million in lost restoration benefits. Because of Congress' failure to act last year, an estimated \$3.8 to \$9.6 million in additional interest earnings have been unrealized this year alone. This is clearly unacceptable.

The language proposed by Senators Stevens and Murkowski would restrict future interest "only to grants for marine research and monitoring (including applied fisheries research) and for community and economic restoration projects (including projects proposed by the fishing industry and facilities)." This language would have the effect of establishing a source of revenue for a small set of restoration activities, and severely restrict the Trustees from implementing their full responsibilities under the 1991 Memorandum of Agreement and Consent Decree with Exxon entered by the U.S. District Court for Alaska (Consent Decree) to "restore, replace, enhance, rehabilitate, or acquire the equivalent of the resources and services injured by the oil spill." The Consent Decree is both authorized and in accordance with the requirements of Section 311(f)(5) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1321 (f)(5).

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August 4, 1998

**Dorothy Morris** 2816 Essex Circle Woodward, Oklahoma 73801-6414

Dear Ms. Morris:

Thank you for your recent letter in reference to the small parcel you have nominated for possible purchase through the Trustee Council's small parcel habitat protection program. I regret that there has been such a delay in the consideration of this parcel. As I believe you know, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) has expressed interest in seeing this property purchased and protected.

Under the small parcel program nominations are reviewed and scored by a multi-agency work group with representatives of four separate state and federal agencies (including ADF&G). Unfortunately, this multi-agency work group only meets infrequently when there are a substantial number of parcels to be evaluated. Including your nomination, we have received only a few since their last meeting. Additionally, one of the multi-agency work group members recently transferred away from Alaska and will need to be replaced.

In short, your parcel nomination has not been completely processed. You should know, however, that in response to your inquiry, I did contact ADF&G to advise them that you had asked about the status of your parcel nomination and would like the process to move forward. I also confirmed that ADF&G remains interested in the property and it is my hope that we will be able to have a meeting of the evaluation team in the near future.

I regret that I can't provide a more definitive answer. If you would like to talk about the small parcel process in greater detail I would be happy to discuss it with you further. My direct line is 907-265-9328 or you can call toll free 1-800-283-7745 (from outside Alaska). Please know that your interest in seeing the parcel protected is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Eric F. Myers

**Director of Operations** 

cc: Mark Kuwada/ADF&G

ug.3014 DATE/998 Dear Eric Myers: I have been contacted about my 40 acres of the small Parcel Habital Protection Program " around april of this year -Could you please enfarm me of what or when I could be hearing something on The progress of this, as other wise I may have to lish it with another realter. would rather not, since I am very interested in this land being as natural as if hegan - which would be rensured with the Protection Program-The letter from mally Mc Cammon Tiene states if I have question, to contact upie, so this is why In uniting now Hoping you can help me on learning about what is going on and may be how long this will take as winter is due to set in soon - Thanks! Syncerity, PESSEX CIRCLE Woodward, OKH, 73801-EXXON-VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL PREPARED BY

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### **MEMORANDUM**

To:

**Accounting Department** 

Alaska Department of Fish & Game

From:

Tami Yockey م₩

Administrative Assistant II

Date:

September 1, 1998

Subject:

Reimbursement for the Exxon Valdez Trustee Council Petty Cash Fund

Attached you will find the log and receipts for petty cash disbursements from the Exxon Valdez Trustee Council petty cash fund (PCF97173). This is for the period of July 9, 1998, through September 1, 1998.

I am requesting a warrant in the amount of \$29.39 to replenish the petty cash fund to its original total of \$50.00.

If you have any questions or if I have neglected to attach any required backup paperwork, please give me a call.

Thank you.

Attachment: Petty Cash Log

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### September 1998

15-16 Public Advisory Group Annual Field Trip

29 Trustee Council Meeting on Restoration Reserve and Archaeology, Juneau

30-3 Wakefield Fisheries Symposium, Anchorage

#### October 1998

5\* Food-web modeling workshop (Anchorage) 18-24 PICES Meeting, Fairbanks

November 1998

#### December 1998

15\* Trustee Council Meeting, Deferred FY99 Projects, Juneau

January 1999

February 1999

#### March 1999

23-27 Legacy of an Oil Spill: 10 Years After Exxon Valdez

\* tentative meeting dates

For more information on any of the above meetings, please contact the Anchorage Restoration Office.

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