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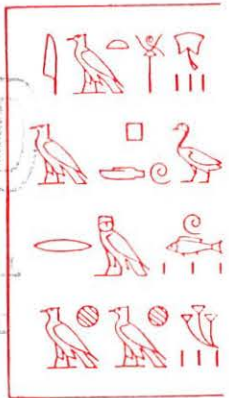
ALASKA CHAPTER

c/o 333 Raspberry Rd.
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Dr. Steven Pennoyer
Exxon Valdez Oil Spill
Settlement Council
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Dear Dr. Pennoyer:

The Alaska Chapter of the Wildlife Society is the state's professional organization of wildlife biologists, most of whom work for state and federal natural resource management agencies. We are writing you to urge your support for continuation of the Exxon Valdez oil spill damage assessment and restoration studies for harlequin ducks, harbor seals, and river otters. Data collected to date have documented both acute and chronic harm to these wildlife populations. As a group of professional wildlife managers and researchers, we recommend that the projects be continued until a more complete understanding of the damage and feasible restoration options is obtained. To do less, risks lost restoration opportunities and failed restoration attempts.

Since the settlement between EXXON and the State of Alaska, a great deal of speculation regarding the most appropriate uses of the settlement money has existed. We urge you to not relegate our natural resources to a place of secondary importance. We now have an understanding of what damages exist, however, further study of restoration options for these species is necessary. Informed, intelligent, restoration action will be needed and this requires continued study. Obtaining this information may be costly, however the cost of action attempted without this information may be exorbitant.

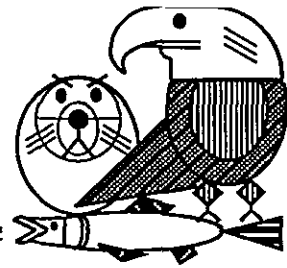
We believe it is in the best long-term interest of the people of the State of Alaska and the wildlife resources of Prince William Sound to make informed choices regarding restoration. Please support the continuation of the wildlife investigations in 1992.

Sincerely,

Sterling Miller
President



Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Restoration Team
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April 23, 1992

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Interim Administrative Director

cc: Trustee Council

AK Oil Spill Trustees Council
c/o: Robt. Spies

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Dear Council,

BYRON VALDEZ OIL SPILL
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I am concerned that you have made an error in cancelling killer whale research in PWS this coming year. I am a kayaker and photojournalist and am sure that orcas are and have been impacted. Research needs to be resumed to get an idea of the extent of impact.

As well, orcas are critically important to the overall ecosystem, as well as for a growing tourist industry in the Sound.

I really hope you can reconsider and restore orca research. I'm also generally concerned by the pretty damage settlement and the fact that, after paying for govt. legal work, only a small portion of fines will be available to purchase land. Thank you.

Sincerely, John D. Lyle

February 20, 1999.
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John D. Lyle

To The Trustees

I'd like to share a few concerns about the Exxon Valdez Cleanup Operations as well as future possibilities regarding spill settlement monies.

During the past three summers I've kayaked extensively through Prince William Sound; ^{in each of} the last two years covering over 500 miles, most of which in areas impacted by the initial spill and consequent clean-up operations. During this time I've spoken with dozens of fishermen, Natives and biologists. I've photographed and documented several sites with remaining oil, effects of clean-up workers, dead animals and remains of animals burned in burn pits.

I have spoken with Exxon overhead support personnel and contract clean-up workers and have often been angered and repulsed by examples of insensitivity to local Native peoples, to the damage created by the spill and to wilderness itself. In my experiences, the spill and its clean up were very ugly in many respects.

I'd like to make a few remarks about what I feel is a pitifully small settlement fine, and how those monies should be spent.

Money from the settlement needs to go to critical research and to buy areas threatened by proposed mining, logging and other development. It should not go into bureaucratic accounts, to be spent for administrative overhead. The \$7 million figure slated for agency overhead is COMPLETELY out of line, and should be cut by 50-70%.

~~There~~ Currently there exist large tracts of timber scheduled for clearcutting. This practice is inconsistent with aesthetic and ecological principles. Much of this land could and should be purchased, but the owners won't wait indignately.

After attending the recent Fairbanks assessment meeting on Univ. AK campus, and listening to concerns expressed by scientists and the general public, I recommend that money be provided to determine which areas would be most beneficial environmentally, for purchase. Continued research on effects of oil on terrestrial ^(including killer whales) & marine populations is critical. But monies spent on agency bureaucracy is not justified.

I am frustrated and galled by the process of litigation which withholds scientific study/data/info from the public. The public, and scientists, are held hostage to partial and flawed data, as the majority was funded by and ultimately controlled by the oil industry. This is wrong and I object. Informed decisions are difficult, if not impossible to make when information is withheld, and I hold you partly responsible. I challenge you to address the issue.

Finally I am frustrated by the lack of Native and citizen groups, fishermen, tourism employees and scientists on your trustee council. You as bureaucratic heads will make critical decisions, with very limited data, in a, very subjective manner for all Alaskans. I'd recommend expanding the council to include a broader base of people. I will look closely to future hearings, with the hope the public is informed and that their comments are heard and acted on by you. Thank

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John D. V. 101

TESTIMONY REGARDING THE MMS 5-YEAR OIL/GAS LEASING PLAN

I would like to offer a statement regarding the proposed MMS leasing program and its implications to Alaska, as well as to the United States.

I recently returned from a 10-week tour of Prince William Sound, where I visited oiled beaches, observed results of clean-up operations and spoke with dozens of individuals about the impacts of the Exxon oil spill. What I observed and experienced, more than two years after the oil spill, confirmed to me that the following points need to be addressed in a more straight-forward manner:

1. The oil industry and the government downplay both the impacts as well as potential impacts of oil spills and other toxic contamination.
2. Oil spills and other toxic contamination in fragile environments such as Prince William Sound or in the Beaufort, Chuckchi or Bering Seas, or in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge will adversely impact the entire ecosystem for long periods of time.
3. Post-spill scientific research should be ethically, fundamentally and philosophically questioned, owing to the fact that much of it is funded, governed and owned by the oil industry.

I have specific concerns pertaining to the proposed 5-year leasing program. It is my understanding that one and only one public hearing is to be held in Alaska, where over 50% of the proposed leases are to occur. "Information" or "dialog" hearings are inappropriate vehicles with which to assess public input. Whether this is by design or by oversight, I question this, and ask that you offer to citizens the opportunity to have their comments documented in the public record. I ask that you change the structure of upcoming meetings in Kodiak, Dillingham, Cordova and Homer. These should be public hearings, not merely dialog sessions.

A further concern I have pertains to a National Academy Of Sciences statement which characterizes information on impacts of leasing, development and production of oil in the ~~outer~~^{outer}-continental areas of Florida and California as being both inadequate and unreliable. If this is indeed true, then I seriously question the reliability and adequacy of information regarding similar development off Alaskan waters. As you are no doubt aware, arctic and sub-arctic environments, both aquatic and terrestrial, are extremely fragile and complex. I am left to conclude that the potential impacts to Alaska have been either minimized or dismissed in the NAS literature. Likewise, I would question the accuracy of information within the DEIS provided by ICF Resources Incorporated, particularly regarding ability of systems to recover from inevitable oil spills, be they catastrophic event spills or chronic, low-level and long-term spills.

Thirdly, I must express deep disappointment in the proposed MMS oil/gas leasing plan for what it represents in realistic as well as symbolic terms. It is unbalanced in its failure to share the burden of environmental damage with more populated, politically sensitive areas of the country. It is based on inadequate and questionable scientific methods. And it unfortunately symbolizes what lies at the very core of decades-old energy problem: a failure to move away from dependence not on foreign oil, but from dependence on oil itself. As evidenced by the Persian Gulf War, our nation's energy and foreign policies are dangerously inter-connected to the point where national security is seriously jeopardized, and will continue to be jeopardized, until current energy priorities change.

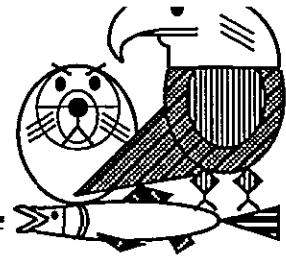
For these reasons I feel that the MMS's five-year oil/gas leasing plan is not appropriate and that Alternative II (NO ACTION) is the most reasonable choice. I object to the way in which the public has not been fully brought into the discussion. I question the scientific findings which form the basis of the DEIS. I am moved by what I experienced and observed in the aftermath of the Exxon oil spill, and what it signifies for inevitable future spills in and off Alaskan waters. I am disheartened at the way our country continues to delay moving toward the long-term benefits of clean, low-impact and more sustainable energy sources. I am bewildered by the inability of the world's greatest technological nation to ~~be able to~~ produce energy-efficient vehicles and appliances. *Sincerely, John D. Hyle*



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Dear Mr. Gibbons

Enclosed is a letter recently sent to Dr. Spies regarding the proposed killer whale photoidentification program in Prince William Sound. I am very concerned that public testimony in regard this project will not be allowed if the project is dropped from consideration at this point. It is my perception that many individuals consider the project very important in regard restoration of Prince William Sound.

Because our group has conducted the field work and provided basic analysis of the data during the damage assessment phase of this project and also in seasons prior to the spill, we might best answer any detailed questions that might arise. Please feel free to contact us at any time.

Sincerely,

Craig O. Matkin, Director



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20 February 1992

Dear Dr. Spies,

I have recently received word of your recommendation to the Trustees to reject killer whale photoidentification studies in Prince William Sound for further funding consideration under the oil spill restoration program. It is my understanding that you do not feel there is a strong indication that damage to the killer whale population has occurred. This comes as a surprise in light of our meeting and discussions at the National Marine Mammal Laboratory in Seattle last November. At that time you seemed to have a good grasp of the data and methodology involved and concurred that an extreme event had precipitated the severe decline in AB pod documented in 1989 and 1990. Apparently some additional information has changed your thinking on this.

As a basis for further discussion, I will summarize some of the pertinent points:

1. When resident pod whales are missing from the pod over the course of many repeated encounters, they can be presumed dead. In twenty years of study in Puget Sound and British Columbia as well as 8 years of work in Prince William Sound and Southeast Alaska, no whale that has become missing from a resident pod has ever reappeared in that pod or any other pod under study. Some have been found dead on beaches, but a vast majority are never recovered. It is not unusual to consider members of an animal population deceased without recovering bodies. There have been few carcasses of Steller sea lions recovered despite the accepted severe decline in that population.

2. The near 20% annual mortality rate for AB pod in 1989 and again in 1990 is unheard of for killer whales in any pod in any area that has been studied. This is nearly ten times what would be expected based on data from all other pods in Prince William Sound and pods from other areas.

3. AB pod was a group of 35 whales when first thoroughly documented in 1984. Despite interactions with the blackcod fishery in 1985 and 1986 resulting in bullet wounding and mortalities, the pod numbered 32 whales at the end of 1987. It had recovered to 36 whales at the end of 1988. In 1989 and 1990, 13 whales were lost and the pod now numbers 23 whales (see enclosed chart). There is no evidence suggesting fishery interactions played a significant role in this recent decline. It is not reasonable to assume that this is a natural effect merely coincidental with the oil spill.

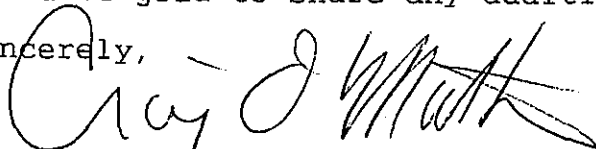
4. The mortalities in AB pod are primarily juveniles and reproductive females. These age classes have demonstrated extremely low mortality rates in all other pods and other studies. Loss of these whales will likely prevent rapid recovery of the pod by lowering the groups future reproductive potential. Although there was no additional net loss of whales in 1991 the chances for recovery of this pod are speculative. Projections indicate a complete recovery is not likely until after 2000. Only continued monitoring will allow us to gauge the actual recovery.

5. Before 1989, AB pod was the most frequently sighted pod in Prince William Sound. Recently the frequency of sightings of the pod have declined (see enclosed graph) AB pod was the largest pod in the Sound in 1984 and a major component of the population. It was the pod frequently sighted and approached by tour boats and recreational vessels. The decline in this pod represents a significant change in the killer whale population that uses Prince William Sound and may effect the viability of whale watching ventures in the Sound in the future.

6. Despite conflicting and incomplete information in the literature regarding the reaction of whales to oil in the water, there is no reason to believe that aspiration of hydrocarbons could not have lethal effects.

Although there are indications of losses of killer whales other than those in AB pod, it is the status of AB pod that is most clearly documented. If you have further question or need clarifications, please contact me as soon as possible. I am currently completing the final draft of our annual report to the National Marine Mammal Laboratory, Seattle and would be glad to share any additional information with you.

Sincerely,



Craig O. Matkin, Director

Fig. . Comparative Mortality Rates
(1985-1991)

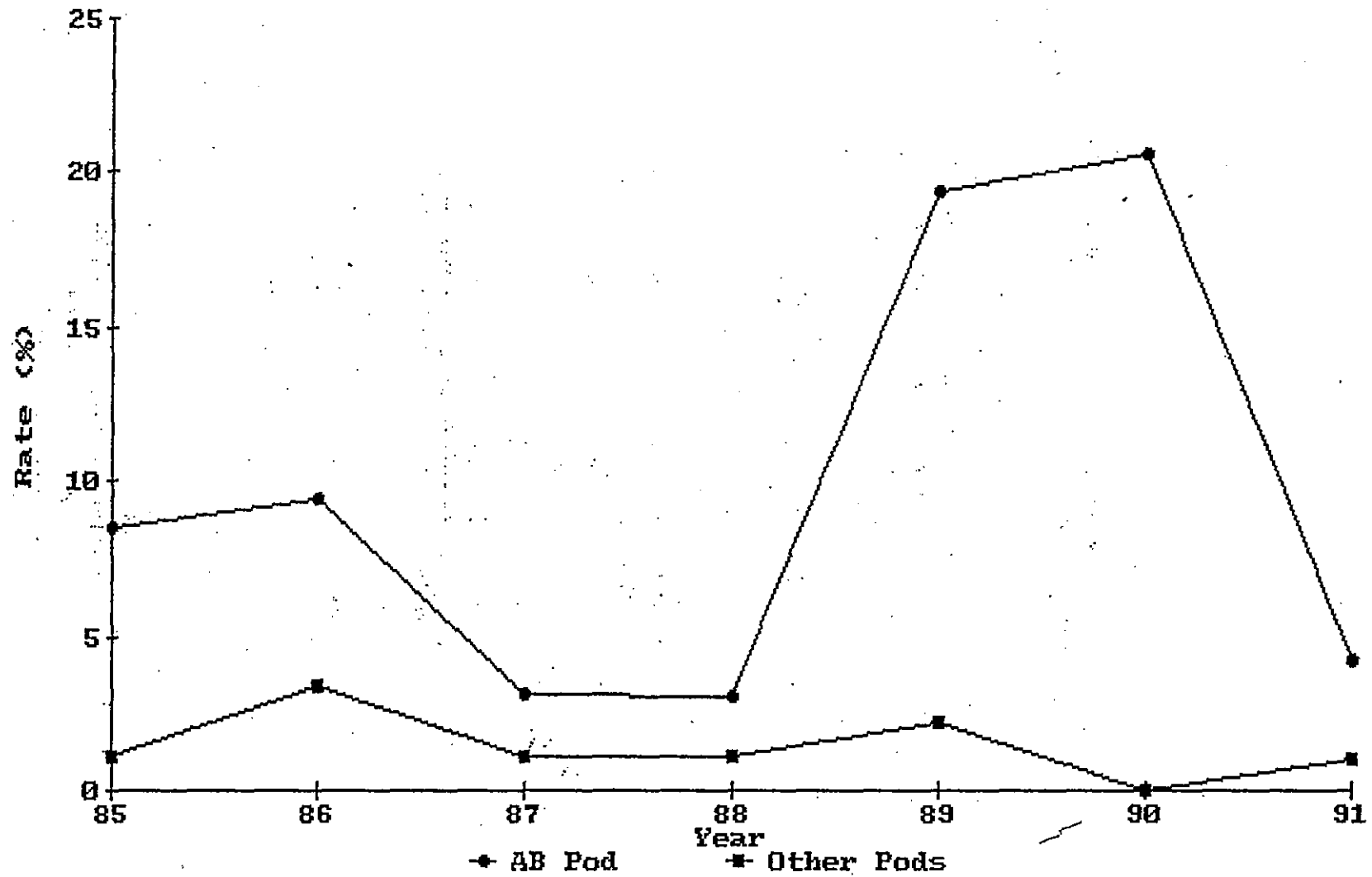
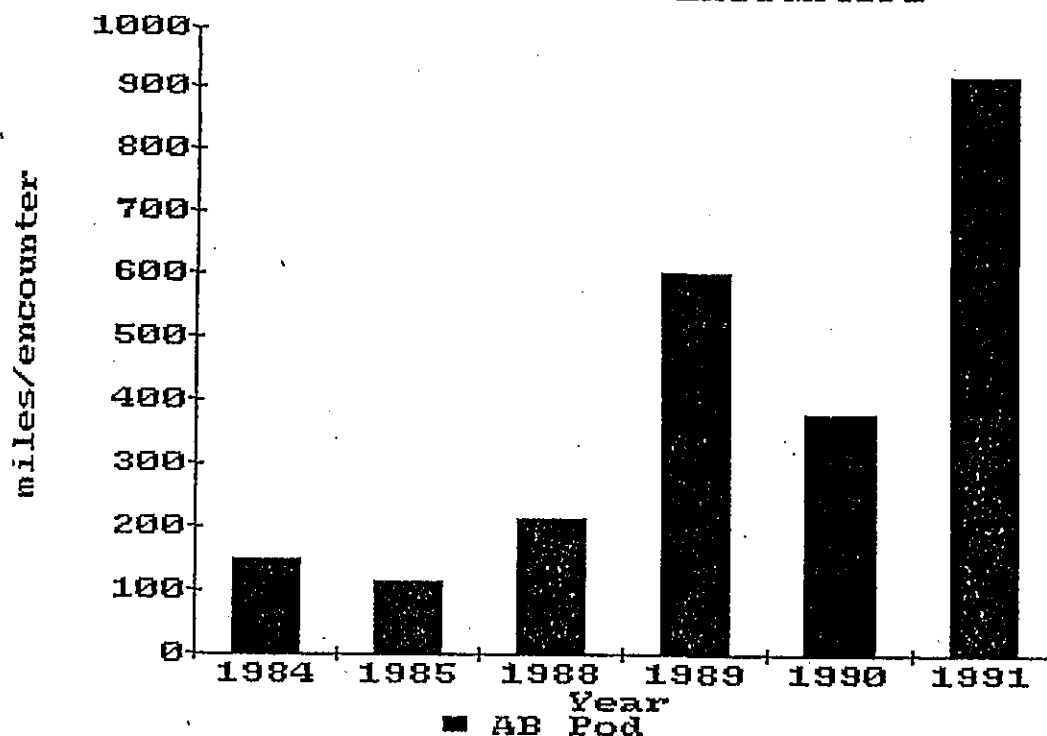


Table . Summary of Mortalities in all Pods (1989-1991)

Pod	Whale	Year Died	Sex	Age class
AB	13	1989	F?	Juvenile (approx 8 years)
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	21	1989	F	Adult (post reproductive?)
	23	1989	F	Adult (mother of AB36)
	30	1989	?	Juvenile (approx 13 years)
	31	1989	F	Adult (mother of AB38)
	37	1989	?	Juvenile born in 1986
	8	1990	F	Adult (mother of AB41)
	19	1990	M	Adolescent (about 15 years)
	20	1990	F?	Juvenile (about 14 years)
	36	1990	?	Juvenile born in 1986
	42	1990	?	Juvenile born in 1988
	44	1990	?	Juvenile born in 1988
	29	1991*	M	Adult (approx 21 years)
AE	12	1989	F?	Adult (post reproductive?)
AN	2	1989	M	Adult (suspected old)
AJ	6	1991*	F?	Adult (suspected old)

* not confirmed until 1992

Effort for AB Pod Encounters



Summary of effort for AB pod encounters 1984-1991:

Year	# encounters	miles searched	miles/ encounter
1984	37	5560	150
1985	12	1347	112
1988	7	1504*	215
1989	16	9623	601
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1991	8	7340	<u>918</u>

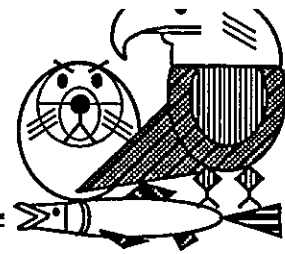
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February 26, 1992

Mr. Dave Gibbons
Interim Administrative Director
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Dear Mr. Gibbons:

I am writing to provide some input to the hearings which will be held later this week. I would dearly love to be there in person to present my viewpoint, but unfortunately will be en route to Washington, D. C., and so a written contribution will have to serve.

At the time of the Exxon Valdez oil spill, there was a serious dearth of baseline information about Prince William Sound. As a result of the ensuing need for information, a surge of assessment activity followed, some of which is still continuing. When the currently-available samples have been worked up and the results synthesized, there will exist an excellent data base, perhaps unparalleled anywhere else. I urge you to see that the current studies are completed, as far as possible. Future studies need to be designed using an environmental assessment approach with much better coordination and synthesis than is applied at present. Perhaps this was not feasible during the damage assessment phase because of the rapid need for information in support of possible litigation. The situation is very different now. There is an opportunity to design and support first class studies, which will serve the Prince William Sound area specifically, but the results of which could be more widely extrapolated within Alaska's coastal environment. If there is one priority which is important in Alaska, with its vast marine resources, it is knowledge about our marine environment.

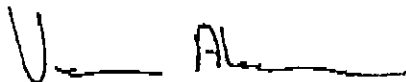
I therefore strongly recommend that at least some of the restoration money go to support environmental studies, especially those studies which address species and/or habitats which are clearly impacted, but also some attention to developing a long-term data base. With respect to other issues in Prince William Sound, I recognize that the question of timber harvesting and the problem of preserving the coastal forests is of critical importance. This issue,

Mr. Dave Gibbons
February 26, 1992
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extends far out of Prince William Sound into Kachemak Bay and even southeast Alaska. Balanced harvesting with optimal preservation of biological habitats and species must be the goal, and it is important that action be taken which balances the conflicting pressures. I certainly share the concern of the residents.

I wish you the best in this difficult process.

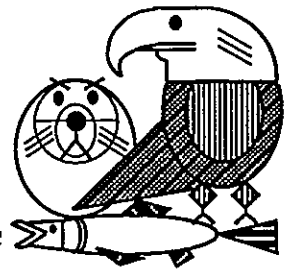
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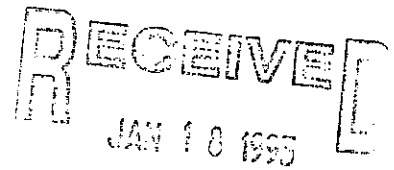


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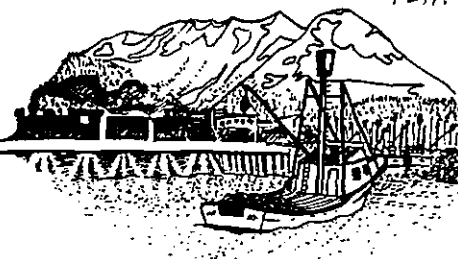
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2. If this research is not adequately funded, it will very likely have adverse impacts upon ADF&G's in-season management capabilities given the complex mixed stock salmon fishery in Prince William Sound. Without the information these projects could provide, it is likely that ADF&G will have a very difficult time meeting its dual mandates to restore and enhance damaged wild stocks while at the same time, meeting industry demands for an efficient and timely harvest of large hatchery returns. This is particularly true now, given the pressure to move harvest zones out of hatchery terminal areas and into entrance corridors where hatchery and wild stocks mix. This research could give Fish and Game more effective management tools. Without them, there could be adverse impacts both for the fishing industry and for the health of wild fish stocks; particularly salmon and herring.
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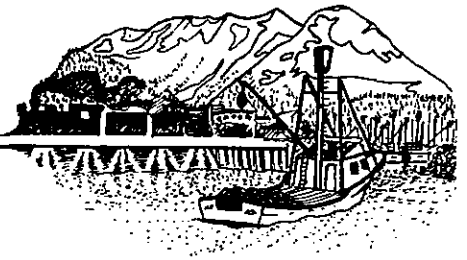
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ADF&G/Cordova Office

CITY OF CORDOVA



January 30, 1991

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill
Restoration Trustee Council
645 G. St.
Anchorage, AK. 99501

Dear Trustees,

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Pine salmon Restoration

Dolly Varden

Shrimp

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Stream Survey

If you have not, you will be receiving soon A DRAFT 1992 work plan for your comment

Briefing

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(18 People + USDI, NOAA, USOA) (24 total) 4/13/22

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- NOAA Supports USDI Ltr (Energy Mktg)

To: Dave Gibbons 586-8781
From: LG
Please review; send any changes to me
via fax at 258-9860.
thanks!

DRAFT

April 20, 1992

Charles K. Weaverling, Mayor
City of Cordova
P.O. Box 1210
Cordova, AK 99574

Dear Mr. Weaverling:

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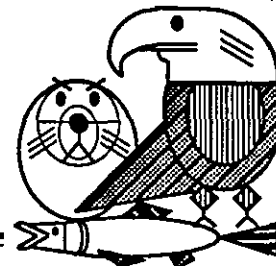
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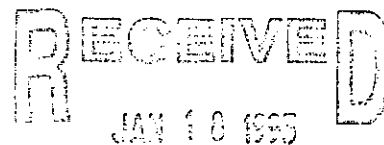


Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Restoration Team
645 "G" Street, Anchorage, AK 99501
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April 22, 1992

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EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL
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ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD

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14 February 1992

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Alaska Department of Fish and Game
P.O. Box 25526
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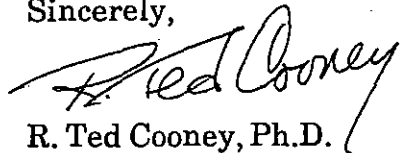
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Deputy Natural Resource Manager
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Forest Service
645 G Street
Anchorage, AK 99501

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Mr. Cordell Roy
Damage Assessment Coordinator
U.S. Department of Interior
National Park Service
Oil Spill Coordination Office
2525 Gambell Street, Room 107
Anchorage, AK 99503

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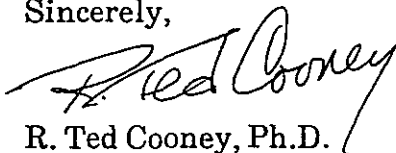
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U.S. Department of Interior
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1689 C Street, Room 119
Anchorage, AK 99501-5126

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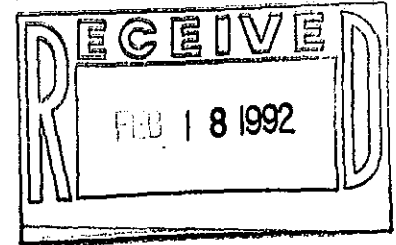




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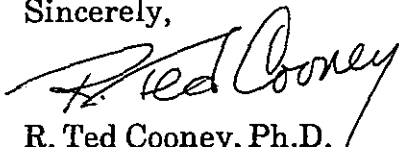
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As you are aware, I am not a completely unbiased judge of the efforts planned for Prince William Sound. My connection with the Department (Commercial Fisheries and FRED) in Cordova and the non-profit hatcheries prompts me to screen the proposed Trustee Council restoration research with juvenile salmon survival studies in mind. My early association with Damage Assessment Project 4 (early marine salmon survival) in 1989 and continuing contact with the principal investigators (state and federal), provide some insight that the general public is, regrettably, not privy to. I know that damage assessment observations support a case for substantial injury to salmon.

Given what is presently understood about the effects of oil on the early life history stages of salmon in Prince William Sound, I am absolutely shocked to find that none of the early marine work has been recommended for the restoration/monitoring phase. While substantial funds are being expended on herring restoration and monitoring, there is no such effort proposed or recommended for juvenile salmon - the major resource in the region. What apparently will go forward for salmon is an experimental project to evaluate pen-rearing of wild pink and chum salmon fry. This is a somewhat novel approach to mitigation, but it does not substitute for monitoring the growth and survival patterns of juveniles over the long term. New techniques and insight concerning the factors affecting the return of adults point quite conclusively to the "freshwater and early marine" stanzas as being the critical period. ADF&G is in a perfect position to carry forward an early marine studies program of great value to the resource in Prince William Sound, and perhaps lower Cook Inlet and Kodiak.

In view of criteria used to evaluate potential restoration science studies by the Council (Resource Restoration Coordination Group), the monitoring of early marine pink and chum salmon survival is not only warranted, but demanded. The earliest fry inhabit affected nearshore habitats in many regions of the Sound during a critical time when growth mediates huge losses to fish and bird predators. Data on hand (but

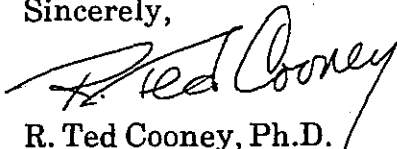
not available to the public) demonstrate significant survival modification by oil. How long this will occur is a question in which the public is vitally interested.

The major fishery resource in Prince William Sound - hands down - is salmon. The present plan, as I judge it, is extremely weak in the area of juvenile salmon monitoring. The citizens of the region and those in the rest of Alaska deserve the kind of assurances that a continuing monitoring program for this resource will provide. It is not enough just to follow the catch and escapement histories. A growing and respected body of information points directly at the period of early marine survival as being critical in determining adult run size. A tremendous start has been made at describing the effects of the 1989 oil spill on this valuable resource. However, unless the early marine work is continued in some form, there will be no way of determining whether future production anomalies are associated with natural or anthropogenic causes, or both. Ten years ago this kind of research would have been ruled problematic. However, given the present understanding of oceanographic influences on pink and chum salmon production in the Sound, it is imperative that some early marine monitoring - namely the determination of fry growth rates and survivals - be carried forward by ADF&G.

I ask you, as a Trustee Council Member, to request Alaska Department of Fish and Game to prepare and submit a proposal for long-term, low-level funding supporting coordinated early marine salmon studies in Prince William Sound, lower Cook Inlet and Kodiak. This essential, and now missing, part of the overall plan is justifiable and has an extremely high probability of providing critical information about oil and salmon production in the region.

There is a clear perception that the Council is attempting to be responsible in terms of the levels of funding for continuing studies associated with the spill and its aftermath. This is laudatory. However, "sticker shock" must not preclude the kinds of studies that are central to restoration and monitoring. I strongly suggest that one of those studies is presently missing from the plan and must be instated.

Sincerely,



R. Ted Cooney, Ph.D.
Associate Professor
Institute of Marine Science

cc: Members of the Trustee Council
Members of the Resource Restoration Coordination Group
Kodiak Regional Aquaculture Association
Cook Inlet Regional Aquaculture Association
Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation
Valdez Fisheries Development Association, Inc.

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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

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March 6, 1992

Ms. Jacqueline Jacobsen
Legislative Vice President
1717 Ivy Avenue
Reedsport, OR 97467

Dear Ms. Jacobsen:

Governor Hickel has asked that I respond to your February 3, 1992, letter concerning the environmental future of Prince William Sound. Timber rights and habitat acquisition is an issue that has been voiced by many citizens of communities in the impacted area. The state/federal Trustee Council for the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill (EVOS) process has established a habitat/land use working group under the Restoration Team.

I have forwarded your letter to Mr. Dave Gibbons, Acting Executive Director, state/federal Trustee Council, 645-G Street Suite 402, Anchorage, Alaska, 99501, to ensure the concerns of your coalition have been entered into the public comments concerning this use. Again, thank you for your letter.

Sincerely,



Charles P. Meacham
Deputy Commissioner

cc: Dave Gibbons

To: Dave Gibbons fax 586-8781

From: G Evans fax 258-9860 - 4 pages follow (total)

Please send me comments/
revisions. Thanks

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April 20, 1992

R. Teed Cooney, Associate Professor
Institute of Marine Science
School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences
University of Alaska Fairbanks
Fairbanks, AK 99775-1080

Dear Dr. Cooney:

Your letter to the Trustee Council has been forwarded to me for comment. Thank you for your suggestions regarding research projects related to early marine salmon growth/survival and monitoring studies to be undertaken by the Trustee Council as part of restoration programs following the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill.

The Trustee Council prioritized 1992 restoration activities in the following order:

1. Close out of damage assessment studies (including writing final reports so that information obtained in the studies can eventually be made available for peer review and release to the public);
2. Damage assessment continuation studies (studies which are not complete--further data must be collected and analyzed before final reports can be prepared and released); and
3. Habitat protection and management activities.

By selecting a minimal program of activities for 1992, the Trustees have deliberately elected to wait for full public input before making decisions on projects proposed for funding with the settlement funds. The Restoration Team recommended to the Trustee Council that the early marine survival work could be delayed without undue negative impact until the public comment process is complete.

You will soon be receiving two documents: Draft 1992 Work Plan and Restoration Framework. The Restoration Framework provides information about restoration planning to date, a summary of injuries to natural resources, proposed injury criteria, and proposed criteria for evaluating restoration options and alternatives. It also initiates a process for public input

into developing the Restoration Plan and the Environmental Impact Statement. The 1992 Draft Work Plan details damage assessment and restoration activities proposed for 1992.

We hope that you will take the opportunity to provide comment on these documents. Please note that the deadline for written comments is June 4, at the address above. Members of the Restoration Team also plan a meeting in Fairbanks at 7 p.m. on May 21 at the Wood Center to take public comment on these documents.

We very much appreciate your ideas and concerns. If you have additional comments or questions, please feel free to contact me in care of the address above.

Sincerely yours,

Dave Gibbons, PhD
Interim Administrative Director

cc: Trustee Council

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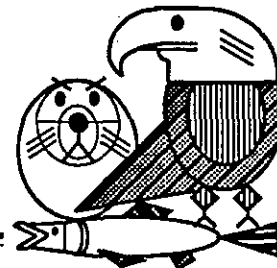
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Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Restoration Team
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April 22, 1992

R. Ted Cooney, Associate Professor
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University of Alaska Fairbanks
Fairbanks, AK 99775-1080

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The Trustee Council prioritized 1992 restoration activities in the following order:

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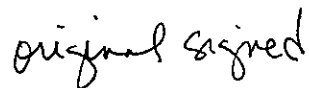
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restoration activities proposed for 1992. Please let me know if you have not yet received copies of these documents.

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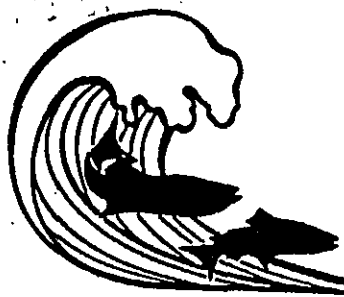
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Dave Gibbons, PhD
Interim Administrative Director

cc: Trustee Council

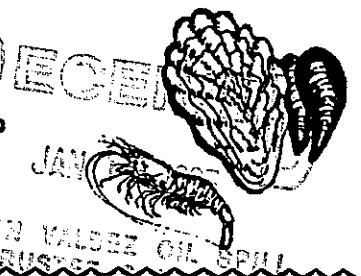
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February 24, 1992

Mr. Dave Gibbons
Executive Director
EXXON VALDEZ Trustee Council
Oil Spill Public Information Center
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Dear Mr. Gibbons:

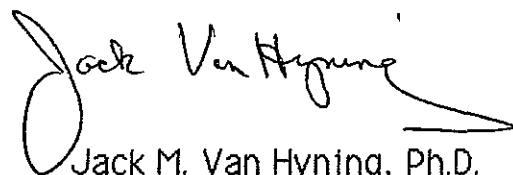
I attended the Restoration Public Meeting at Fairbanks on February 13. Although no longer associated with the University, I am concerned with the possible premature termination of some of the research on spill effects. I realize the pressure to cut the research budget, but it would be very poor public policy to arbitrarily cut programs without a phaseout period. Especially damaging would be the elimination of a project that needs only an additional year or so to summarize and publish the results. A fair review of programs is needed; undoubtedly there are a number that have produced no meaningful results, have learned all that is needed to know about a particular subject, or are strictly short-term efforts.

I have submitted a short note regarding the proposed advisory group and would like to express an interest in serving on the group in the Aquaculture position. I have a Ph.D. in fisheries and marine biology; worked for 20 years with the Oregon Fisheries Department as fisheries biologist and Marine Research Supervisor with much involvement in hatcheries and restoration work on Columbia River salmon; 6 years as Associate Professor of Fisheries Biology with the University of Alaska-Fairbanks where I developed a Sea Grant shellfish program for Prince William Sound; and have been a consultant on fisheries and environmental problems for a number of years. Since 1970 I have researched and fished

the Sound and have developed two aquatic farm projects: (1) an oyster-mussel farm at Perry Island which was impacted by the oil spill but is now back in production; and (2) a private-non-profit salmon hatchery (NERKA INC.) which reared salmon for several years but is presently inactive. I also do some boat chartering for kayakers and sport fishermen. My son is a commercial fisherman (shrimp and bottomfish trawler) and is chairman of the Whittier Fish & Game Advisory Committee to the Department of Fish & Game. Undoubtedly one of the regional aquaculture associations will seek membership. I participated in the early development of the Prince William Sound salmon aquaculture program. They tend to be special-interest groups and may not represent the broad spectrum and interests of the aquaculture community.

My business has a Fairbanks address, but I spend most of my time on the Sound or in the Palmer-Wasilla area. For the next month I can be reached at PO Box 1172, Palmer, AK 99645, (907) 376-9665, FAX 376-9666.

Sincerely,


Jack M. Van Hyning, Ph.D.
President

Restoration Trustee Council Public Participation Comments

Use this form to provide comments regarding public participation or formation of the public advisory group to the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Restoration Trustee Council. Return it to staff at the public meeting or mail the form with your comments to the Oil Spill Public Information Center, Attn: Mary McGee, 645 G St., Anchorage, AK 99501.

The type of membership for the proposed Public Advisory Group seems reasonably balanced to me as a biologist, commercial and sport fisherman, charter operator, and aquatic farmer out of Whittier. It might be suggested that the group be further subdivided; for example, aquaculture into salmon and shellfish, commercial fishing into seine, gillnet, etc., but this could quickly get unwieldy. I would suggest a sport fishing category rather than being grouped together with hunting. I am not sure how "Environment" is different from "Conservation" and suggest the Conservation category be dropped.

I think the group should have a strong voice in reviewing proposals and making recommendations to the Trustee Council. A general consensus should be reached through a majority vote; a forum for the exchange of ideas, etc. would be useless. The group should not only review project proposals, but be in a position to listen to and question the proponents -- both the public and private sector proposals. It might well function somewhat as the Advisory Committee to the Boards of Fisheries & Game.

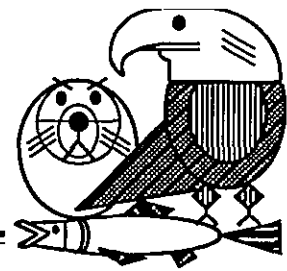
This advisory group should represent the public and be a pipeline to the Trustees; agency personnel and scientists have ready access so the user groups, who own and depend on the resources, should likewise. I agree with all the criteria suggested for membership.

Please write your name and mailing address below if you would like to receive future mailings about activities of the Exxon Valdez Restoration Trustee Council.

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PO Box 80165
Fairbanks, AK 99708



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April 24, 1992

Jack M. Van Hyning
P.O. Box 80165
Fairbanks, AK 99708

Dear Mr. Van Hyning:

Thank you for your comments on research projects and suggestions regarding the Public Advisory Group and development of public participation policies for restoration projects following the Exxon Valdez oil spill. At meetings since you wrote your letter, the Trustee Council decided it is important to continue all damage assessment studies through to final report preparation.

The Trustee Council will make decisions about some aspects of the Public Advisory Group at their meeting scheduled for April 27, beginning at 10 a.m. at 645 G Street in Anchorage. If you are going to be in Anchorage you might consider attending. Public comments will be accepted between 5:00-7:00 p.m. Alternatively, transcripts of all trustee Council meetings can be obtained from the Oil Spill Public Information Center in Anchorage at 278-8008.

Your comments and suggestions, along with those received from other members of the public, will be carefully considered as the Trustee Council makes decisions about the establishment of a Public Advisory Group and other elements of a public involvement program. I will make sure that you receive information regarding nomination to the Public Advisory Group when they are solicited.

We very much appreciate your ideas and concerns. If you have additional comments or questions, please feel free to contact me in care of the address above.

Sincerely yours,

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Dave Gibbons, PhD
Interim Administrative Director

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Mr. David Gibbons
Interim Administrative Director
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Anchorage, Alaska 99501

ENVIRONMENTAL OIL SPILL
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Dear Mr. Gibbons:

This letter concerns the public meeting held at the Anchorage Museum on the evening of 02/13/92. My comments will focus primarily on the composition of the Citizen's Advisory Group (CAG). The dominant theme at that meeting consisted of two main threads -- that the CAG should consist of representatives from preidentified interest groups (or sectors), and that these interests should select their representatives themselves. Pam Miller asked if anyone at that meeting disagreed with the principal of such self-selection. My silent assent at that time should not be taken as agreement, but rather as an inability to articulate at that time the uneasiness I felt at her question. Only later did the source of this queasiness become somewhat clearer to me. I certainly support the principal of self-determination in representation, but have great reservations about a CAG composed of representatives of identified interest groups which have no responsibility to the general public at all.

Most of the people at the meeting were in fact representatives of some sort of special interest group, and had no problems with identifying themselves as such. Even those who self-labeled themselves as "recreational users" chose to emphasize only a specialized interest. Much was made of the fact that such people, with some sort of constituency, would represent more than their "own personal bias" on a CAG. In fact, what each would represent is merely a "large collective bias." This may in fact be what the Trustee Council desires, but I would harbor suspicions about such a body. Paraphrasing, one of the environmental representatives at the 2/13 meeting remarked that the CAG should not be the only source of public access to the Trustee Council, since the [special interest] representatives on the CAG would have enough to do with representing their own interests on the CAG, and would not be able to deal with the interests of the public at large. With the CAG organized in terms of interest group representation, it would appear that no member of the "general public" (whatever that may be) would serve on the CAG. That is not acceptable to me. The public (local, state, or national) is more than the sum of whatever component special interests can be analytically identified as parts of that public. The Trustee Council is in the process of implementing a Public Advisory Group, not a Special Interest Advisory Group (SIAG). Certainly all those interests comprise essential aspects of the process, and should participate. It seems inadvisable to require that those participating most directly and investing the most energy in the CAG to identify with a certain circumscribed interest group. Direct public access to the Trustee Council should also of course remain an option.

It may make more sense to organize the CAG on a regional basis, with community representation. The various more specific interests can then be expressed through these community representatives. The effects of the spill varied greatly from place to place, and even "communities" misrepresents the variability of experience. Communities lump similarities of experience together just as well, and probably better, than do interest groups based on economic or some other criteria. Such units of representation would also encourage those individuals with different interests to talk with each other and reach some sort of accommodation at the fundamental level where restoration implementation will have to take place -- at the community level. This would also allow a person to serve on the CAG who is perceived as a "whole" person rather than as "environmentalist" or "timber" or whatever. This is not to insult the environmental or timber community, but it is easier to serve as an effective conduit for public input while also working to construct some minimal consensus on public policy if one is not encumbered with the (at least the perceived) baggage of an ideological position on key issues. Real people make compromises. Defining CAG representatives as community representatives reflects that ugly (and necessary) reality of life. Defining CAG representatives in terms of interest groups disguises the fact that no person is so one dimensional as to actually be capable of representing only such a truncated set values. In essence, a CAG organized in this way comprises a free market of interests in regard to the spill. All interests are represented, compete in an open arena, supported by those who think the same way and opposed by those who do not, and the strongest survives. Compromise is the solution actually striven for, so it makes sense to build that in from the beginning, using community representation.

Such an organization of the CAG also establishes the regional grounding and framework that most people who spoke at the meeting supported as advisory to the formal CAG. My thought essentially reverses the emphasis of this scheme, having the formal CAG consist of regional (community) representatives with the interest groups providing information and participating in the process, but with no formal seat on the CAG. Of course, some communities would choose representatives closely identified with certain interest groups, and most interest group representatives would in fact represent their communities of residence fairly well. Organizing the formal public participation apparatus in terms of interest groups may convey a message counterproductive to the goals of the Trustee Council, however.

My thoughts on this remain murky and unclear, as you can no doubt tell from this letter. I do think that the issue raised has importance and needs to be considered when organizing the public participation process. For what it is worth, my opinion is that a CAG should represent the people and communities affected by the spill. These effects varied considerably over time and space. To think that fishermen, timber interests, environmentalists, and other identified "interests" in the PWS area each comprise some sort of unitary group which can agree on a common representative to a CAG is probably naive. Communities would have a similar problem, of course, but the explicit political process which establishes public accountability (of a limited sort, to be sure) makes this the approach I prefer. Public trust of the Trustee Council will require effective public participation and the perception that the CAG actually represents the public. For this to develop, the mechanism making the CAG accountable to the public must be clear. Perhaps I have reacted too strongly to the possibility of the Trustee Council identifying interest groups

who will then pick their own representatives to a SIAG. After all, this process will not occur in a vacuum and the public will no doubt influence the interest groups' choices. Still, this process would trouble me.

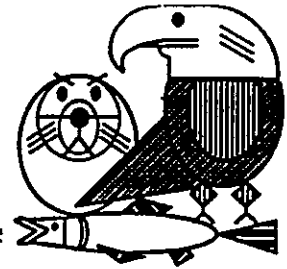
If you have any questions on this unorganized letter, or think that a discussion would serve some useful purpose, I would be glad to talk with any member of the Trustee Council or its staff. This represents only my own opinion, but you could contact me at work (272-6811) or at home (279-7428).

Sincerely,


Michael Galginaitis



Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Restoration Team
645 "G" Street, Anchorage, AK 99501
Phone: (907) 278-8012 Fax: (907) 278-7176



April 2, 1992

Michael Galginaitis
1652 Sunrise Drive
Anchorage, AK 99508

Dear Mr. Galginaitis:

Thank you for your thoughtful comments and suggestions regarding development of public participation policies for restoration projects following the Exxon Valdez oil spill. I have forwarded your letter to the Restoration Team members who are working to incorporate public comment into the structure of the Public Advisory Group. Your suggestions, along with those received from other members of the public, will be carefully considered as the Trustee Council and the Restoration Team make decisions about establishment of the Public Advisory Group and other elements of a public involvement program.

We very much appreciate your ideas and concerns. If you have additional comments or questions, please feel free to contact me in care of the address above.

Sincerely yours,

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Oil Spill Public Information Center
Dave Gibbons
645 G Street
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February 15, 1992

Dear Mr Gibbons:


The Alaskan Shellfish Growers Association would like to participate in the oil spill restoration process. Our association represents over 70 members statewide who are active in the aquatic farm industry.

We would appreciate being included in the public advisory group under a topic called mariculture. We are assuming by aquaculture you are referring to Private NonProfit hatchery operators whose concerns are vastly different than ours.

We feel a Board of Directors would be the best avenue to conduct your business with seats reserved for specific interests and action taken by majority vote.

We are currently soliciting our membership to locate people interested in serving during this process. We will be sending representatives to the meetings and look forward to working with Trustee Council.

Sincerely,


Jeff Hetrick
ASGA Secretary/Treasurer
P.O. Box 7
Moose Pass, Alaska 99631



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April 2, 1992

Jeff Hetrick
Alaskan Shellfish Growers Association
P.O. Box 7
Moose Pass, AK 99631

Dear Mr. Hetrick:

Thank you for your suggestions regarding the Public Advisory Group and development of public participation policies for restoration projects following the Exxon Valdez oil spill. The Trustee Council will make decisions about some aspects of the Public Advisory Group at their meeting scheduled for April 27. If you are going to be in Anchorage you might consider attending, beginning at 10 a.m. at the address above. Alternatively, transcripts of all trustee Council meetings can be obtained from the Oil Spill Public Information Center in Anchorage at 278-8008.

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Sincerely yours,

Dave Gibbons, PhD
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Dear Mr. Secretary,

Re. EXXON VALDEZ TRUSTEES: PUBLIC ADVISORIES GROUP

It is my pleasure to recommend Nancy Lethcoe for a seat on The Citizen's Advisory Committee which is being formed to work on the restoration of Prince William Sound.


Nancy would be an excellent choice for many reasons. For the past 23 years she has lived and worked on the Sound. During the past 18 years Nancy and her husband Jim have operated Alaska Wilderness Sailing Safaris a successful recreational and tourism business.

In addition to being intimately familiar with both the area and the problem, Nancy is an extremely rational person. During the times right after the spill when most people who derived their livings from the Sound were angry and raising all sorts of fuss, Nancy's was a voice of moderation and restraint. An environmentalist and an educator, Nancy is also a realist. She understands the needs of business and the position of others who use and live on the Sound. The Natives who live there, the fishermen and loggers who work there and the many of us who just simply enjoy the Sound for her beauty.

An accomplished Naturalist, Nancy and Jim have written five books about Prince William Sound and enjoys sharing all that she knows about it with their clients, friends and other visitors to the area.

Nancy is truly a hard worker and a dedicated citizen of Alaska and of Prince William Sound. She would make a very good member of this committee and deserves your consideration

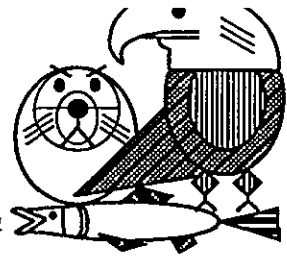
Sincerely,



Bertram B. Beneville
3167 Erickson St.
Gig Harbor, WA 98335



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April 24, 1992

Bertram B. Beneville
3167 Erickson St.
Gig Harbor, WA 98335
Anchorage, AK 99503

Dear Mr. Beneville:

Thank you for your nomination of Nancy Lethcoe to serve on the Public Advisory Group. I will make sure Mrs. Lethcoe receives information regarding serving on the Public Advisory Group when nominations are solicited.

The Trustee Council will make decisions about some aspects of the Public Advisory Group at their meeting scheduled for April 27, beginning at 10 a.m. at 645 G Street in Anchorage. If you are going to be in Anchorage you might consider attending. Public comments will be accepted between 5:00-7:00 p.m. Alternatively, transcripts of all trustee Council meetings can be obtained from the Oil Spill Public Information Center in Anchorage at 278-8008.

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Sincerely yours,

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PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND
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Dave Gibbons, Executive Director for the Trustee Council
645 "G" Street
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Mr. Gibbons,

I am a Board Member of the Knik Canoers & Kayakers. Our club has approximately one hundred and seventy-five members, many of whom are recreational users of Prince William Sound. At our February Board Meeting I was elected to apply for a position on the Citizen's Advisory Group that will be set up in affiliation with the Trustee Council.

Please send me the appropriate materials for applying.

Thankyou,

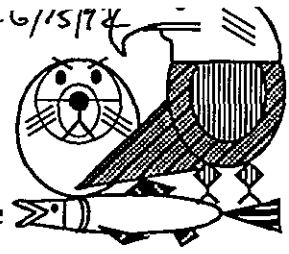
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April 22, 1992

James Diehl, Safety Officer
Knik Canoers & Kayakers
Box 868
Girdwood, AK 99587

Dear Mr. Diehl:

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Dave Gibbons, PhD
Interim Administrative Director

cc: Trustee Council

National Parks and Conservation Association

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Dave Gibbons, Staff
Trustee Council
645 G Street
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Mr. Gibbons,

I am writing on behalf of the National Parks and Conservation Association (NPCA), the only national non-profit citizens organization that focuses on national park concerns. Our 285,000 members nationally, including over 1,800 Alaskans, promote the protection, preservation and public understanding of our nation's National Park System through diverse activities.

NPCA has several concerns about the Trustee Council's operations and about how projects to be funded will be chosen. We cannot clean up the spill any more. Acquisition of threatened fish and wildlife habitat and cultural resources areas is the better way to help our coastal and marine ecosystems recover.

NPCA has submitted written and oral testimony regarding the need for inclusion of cultural resources in the clean-up, assessment, study and restoration efforts. We continue to ask that those resources be included.

NPCA adds our voice to others asking for release of scientific studies to the public. We remain without access to necessary data upon which to offer informed comments.

NPCA remains gravely concerned about the implementation of a meaningful public process. We suggest the following:

Public Advisory Group members should be selected by the communities and interests they represent, not appointed by government officials. At the very least, these members need to represent commercial fishers, local and national environmental organizations, commercial and private recreation, spill-impacted community governments, small and industrial tourism, subsistence users, sport hunting and fishing, regional and village corporations and Native village councils



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The hiring of any staff needed for the Public Advisory Group should be done by the Group. Adequate funds should be available for members' expenses.

The Public Advisory Group could have subcommittees, composed of members of the public who represent the various geographical and interests within the spill impacted region and who are not members of the Public Advisory Group.

The Trustee Council should continue to hold regular, documented public meetings in Anchorage and other communities within the spill impacted region. A specific time for public comment at each meeting should be listed in the meeting notice that is available before each meeting.

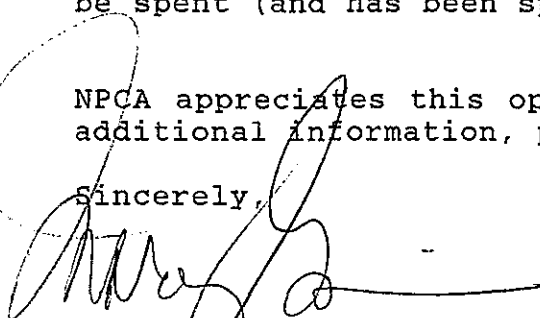
The Trustee Council should make available, in a timely manner, written findings of fact all of its actions and recommendations.

Two non-voting members selected by the Public Advisory Group should be placed on the Trustee Council. These members would then participate in all Trustee Council meetings and deliberations.

The Trustee Council and the Public Advisory Group will make available their operations budgets so that all can know what is to be spent (and has been spent) on administration.

NPCA appreciates this opportunity to comment. If I can provide additional information, please let me know.

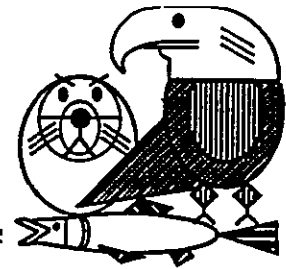
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Mary Grisco
Alaska Regional Director



Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Restoration Team
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April 2, 1992

Mary Grisco
National Parks and Conservation Association
P.O. Box 202045
Anchorage, AK 99520

Dear Ms. Grisco:

Thank you for your suggestions regarding the restoration projects you believe are most important, and additionally, your comments concerning the development of the Public Advisory Group and public participation policies following the Exxon Valdez oil spill. As you may be aware, a number of other citizens and interest groups also advocate acquisition of habitat or timber rights as an important part of the restoration process.

Restoration Team members have prepared an updated summary of injuries from the spill which will be released to the public by mid-April, along with a Restoration Framework and Draft 1992 Work Plan. You might find some of your questions answered and suggestions addressed in these documents. Contact the Oil Spill Public Information Center at 278-8008 to make sure you receive copies when they are available.

Your comments and suggestions, along with those received from other members of the public, will be carefully considered as the Trustee Council and the Restoration Team make decisions regarding restoration projects, establishment of the Public Advisory Group and other elements of a public involvement program.

We very much appreciate your ideas and concerns. If you have additional comments or questions, please feel free to contact me in care of the address above.

Sincerely yours,

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Dave Gibbons, PhD
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Charles Cole, Attorney General
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Division of Tourism
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It is my understanding that, under terms of the Exxon settlement, the oil spill public information center will add a board of advisors to its structure.

If this is the case, and since the State of Alaska is vitally concerned about tourism in Prince William Sound, may I respectfully suggest that a seat on the advisory board be reserved for a member of the Prince William Sound Tourism Coalition. This is a well-established group and our division has worked closely with them in the past. We would also like to have a representative from our office sit in your meetings in an ex-official capacity.

Please advise me if we can provide any assistance to you in carrying out these tasks.

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cc: Dave Gibbens, Administrative Director
Oil Spill Information Center
645 G Street
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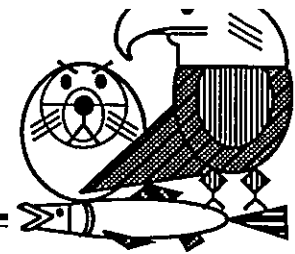
Glenn A. Olds, Commissioner
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bcc: Pete Carlson

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April 7, 1992

Connel Murray
Division of Tourism
Department of Commerce and
Economic Development
P.O. Box 110800
Juneau, AK 99811-0800

Dear Mr. Murray:

Your letter to the Trustee Council has been forwarded to me for comment. Thank you for your suggestions regarding the Public Advisory Group and development of public participation policies for restoration projects following the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

As the Trustee Council continues their discussions of the composition of the Public Advisory Group, it seems clear that tourism will be represented. The Trustee Council will make decisions about some aspects of the Public Advisory Group at their meeting scheduled for April 27. If you are going to be in Anchorage you might consider attending, beginning at 10 a.m. at 645 G Street in Anchorage. Public comments will be accepted between 5:00-7:00 p.m. Alternatively, transcripts of all trustee Council meetings can be obtained from the Oil Spill Public Information Center in Anchorage at 278-8008.

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Dave Gibbons
Interim Administrative Director
645 G Street
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Throughout the post oil-spill years, we have conducted extensive marketing efforts to positively position Prince William Sound as a viable visitor destination. In spite of the passage of time and nature's restoration efforts, we are still battling negative images created by the oil spill.

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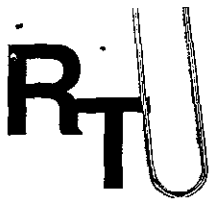
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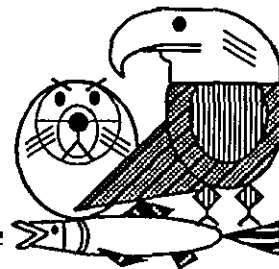
Marilynn Heddell, Chair

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April 24, 1992

Marilyn Heddell
Prince William Sound Tourism Coalition
P.O. Box 1477
Valdez, AK 99686

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Ernie Piper

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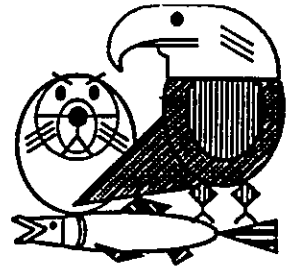
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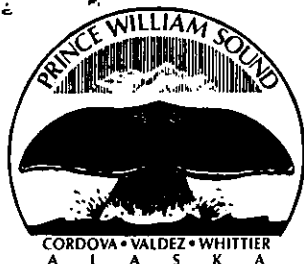
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Dave Gibbons, PhD
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January 4, 1991

Charlie Cole
Attorney General
P.O. Box K
Juneau, Alaska 99501

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Dear Mr. Cole:

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Sincerely,

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PWSTC - Chair

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OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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January 16, 1992

Ms. Marilyn Heddell
Prince William Sound Tourism Coalition
P. O. Box 1477
Valdez, AK 99686

Dear Ms Heddell:

On behalf of Attorney General Cole, I would like to thank you for your interest in the oil spill restoration process as reflected in your letter of January 4, 1992. The Trustee Council, which is overseeing the expenditure of restoration funds, has authorized a series of public meetings intended to elicit the views of the public as to the best means by which the public can participate in the restoration process. The meeting in Valdez will be held on February 4, 1992, at 7:00 p.m., at the Valdez Civic Center and I hope that you will be able to attend to express your views regarding the need for a tourism representative on the public advisory group. In the meantime, I will provide a copy of your letter to Ernie Piper who is working on the public participation plan.

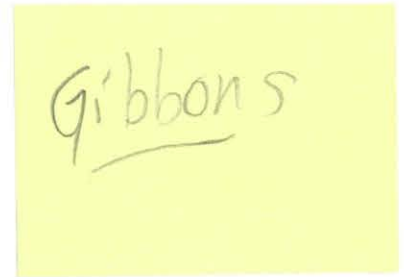
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cc: Charles E. Cole, Attorney General
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January 4, 1991

Michael Barton
Central Office Building
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Juneau, Alaska 99802

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DIVISION OF OIL SPILL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND RESTORATION (OSIAR)

WALTER J. HICKEL, GOVERNOR

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JUNEAU, ALASKA 99802-2000
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March 5, 1992

Ms. Marilyn Heddell
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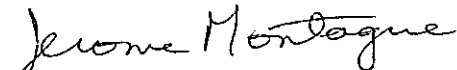
Dear Ms. Heddell:

Commissioner Rosier asked that I reply to your recent letter regarding the Prince William Sound Tourism Coalition. I am forwarding a copy of this letter to Mr. David Gibbons, Acting Executive Director, for the Exxon Valdez Trustee Council, for his review.

The Trustee Council has decided to review this important issue on Monday, March 9, 1992. Until such time as a final decision is made by the council, I cannot say if representation based on various interest group organizations will be the model for the Public Advisory Group. However, your request is on file with Mr. Gibbons and your organization will be involved in any solicitation of nominations.

Again, thank you for taking the time to share your concerns.

Sincerely,



Jerome Montague
Director

cc: Carl L. Rosier
David Gibbons

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Mr. Michael Barton, Chairman
Exxon Valdez Oil Spill
Settlement Trust Council
Simpson Building
645 G St.
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Barton:

I would like to take this opportunity to recommend Mr. John W. Merrick for appointment to the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Public Advisory Group.

Mr. Merrick is eminently qualified for such an appointment based on his 30 plus years of experience in the land management area, public and private. Mr. Merrick is thoroughly familiar with the geography of Alaska as well as past and current land ownership patterns. He participated extensively in the "beach survey" activity on Kodiak Island in the aftermath of the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

Mr. Merrick is currently employed by Koniag, Inc. as Manager of Lands and Resources and has an excellent working relationship with Kodiak public officials, village leaders and village native corporation officials.

I would appreciate the support of the Trustee Council in considering Mr. Merrick's appointment. Attached for your information is a current resume of Mr. Merrick's many qualifications.

Sincerely,

KONIAG, INC.



Uwe L. Gross
Chief Executive Officer

ULG/dl

cc: Curtis McVee
Carl Rosier
Charles Cole
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John W. Merrick
2801 East 48th Ave.
Anchorage, Alaska 99507
Phone: (907)561-0468

Present Employer: Koniag, Inc.
4300 B St., Suite 407
Anchorage, Alaska 99503
Phone: (907)561-2668

Birthdate: August 14, 1928

Health: Good

Marital Status: Married, three grown children

Education:

BS Forestry 1952, State University of NY Syracuse

Graduate work - Forestry/Remote Sensing - Syracuse

Numerous Bureau of Land Management, Civil Service, and University sponsored short courses ranging from rural real estate appraisal and grazing management to electrical transmission systems, personnel management and supervision.

Skills:

Strong Technical Resource Management Background

Over thirty years experience in resource management in Alaska specializing in realty, appraisal, general public land administration and environmental impact analysis, including forestry, minerals, oil and gas, grazing, watershed, recreation and fire.

Graduate Forester with Oregon and Alaska experience in Forest Management, logging, inventory and protection.

Long familiarity with the Federal public land laws and implementing the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) and ANILCA Native land settlement programs.

Managerial and Supervisory Abilities:

Fourteen years as Area Manager managing from two to fifteen people, and programs on as much as forty million acres of federal public land.

Public Contacts:

Dealing with and serving the public. Over twenty years experience in responding to the public and dealing with diverse publics, holding public meetings. In my work since leaving the federal service, I have dealt particularly with Native shareholders, other village and regional native corporations and the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN).

Teamwork:

Ability to work and communicate with others.

Served on or directed numerous special project teams dealing with controversial public land issues.

Directed and coordinated the work of professionals from geologists to recreation specialists toward common goals.

Employment:

January 1985 to Present - Manager, Lands & Resources, Koniag, Inc.

In this position I am responsible for the day to day management of all the Corporation's land and resource interests which are located on Kodiak Island. I deal with a myriad of projects from commercial and recreational user permits on the Karluk River to the promulgation of land exchanges to improve the Corporation's financial position. I work closely, and stay on good terms with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management and other federal agencies, the State of Alaska DNR, DOT/PF, the Kodiak Island Borough, the Alaska Federation of Natives and other native corporations, to accomplish the Corporate goals. While forest management is not one of my primary duties, I monitor forestry activities of the Afognak Joint Venture on Afognak Island.

January 1984 to December 1984 - ANCSA Lands Specialist, Alaska Native Foundation.

For one year I worked as one of three individuals employed in traveling to remote Native villages giving lectures, seminars and technical advice on how to implement a 14(c) Program. 14(c) is a section of ANCSA that requires a Native Village Corporation to reconvey land back to qualified occupants, individuals, businesses or non-profits using or occupying the lands at the time the Act passed. 14(c), as passed, contained few guidelines and required each village to develop its own policy criteria on how to accomplish the task within the framework of legal precedent.

May 1983 to December 1983 - Lands Section, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Alaska State Office.

Among other projects, I directed the processing of public land orders withdrawing, opening or restoring lands, patenting of settlement claims, and responses to general public and Congressional inquiries. In January of 1984 I retired from the Federal Civil Service.

1968 to May 1983 - Area Manager of Peninsula Resource Area for Anchorage District Office, Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

The areas included in the Peninsula Resource Area were Bristol Bay, Aleutian Islands, Cook Inlet, Kenai Peninsula, and Southeast Alaska. In this position I managed all public lands and resources and BLM programs for the area. I supervised as many as 15 professional personnel in highly varied programs which involved field investigations, public input, and written reports for Native Allotments, homesteads, homesites, headquarters sites, trade and manufacturing sites, townsites, color of title and mining claims among others. Additionally, I approved or denied permits, (based on staff input) and after issuance, monitored permits and leases for timber, grazing material sales oil and gas exploration, rights of ways, and the like. I worked extensively with other Federal and State agencies to facilitate land use planning and conveyances of land.

After 1971 one of my major responsibilities was to facilitate and coordinate the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) land transfers. This included, among others, the easement identification and navigability programs. I represented and coordinated BLM's part of the Chugach Regional Settlement mandated by Section 1430 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA). For ten years I managed the Campbell Tract within the Municipality of Anchorage and was instrumental in preserving over 4000 acres for various recreational and open space uses. I served both as Campbell Tract and Goose Lake Plan advisor for the Municipality of Anchorage.

1962 to 1968 - Realty Specialist, BLM, Anchorage, Alaska.

Compliance, appraisal, land use planning and supervisor. Initially, I field examined and wrote compliance reports on homesteads, homesites, trade and manufacturing sites, native allotments and other settlement claims as well as right of ways, material sales and use permits. Later, I worked extensively on appraisals of land and properties. I successfully completed three formal AIREA and SREA appraisal courses plus several in-house appraisal courses. I was also heavily involved as a land planner with the Iliamna and Copper River Land Classifications involving over 30 million acres of land. Eventually, I became the Senior Land and Appraisal Specialist, technical advisor and supervisor managing these activities for the Anchorage District.

1957 to 1962 - Forester, Fire Control, Homer, Alaska.

1955 to 1957 - Forester - Timber, BLM, Medford and Eugene, Oregon.

1954 to 1955 - Geophysics Aid - U.S. Geological Survey, Barrow, Alaska.

Working from the Arctic Research Laboratory at Barrow, I was responsible for the field portion of a geophysics project - gathering data on the physical and geothermal properties of permafrost year round in various soils.

1953 to 1954 - Junior Scientist - Boston University Physical Research Laboratories.

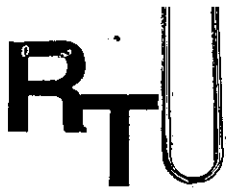
A military sponsored research contract on Alaska's north slope to study Arctic tundra and develop an analogous aerial photo key for circumpolar application

1952 to 1953 - Teaching Fellow, State University of NY - Syracuse.

I taught the laboratory portion of a photogrammetry (remote sensing) course at Syracuse University.

1946 to 1952 - Summers. U.S. Forest Service Lookout, smokechaser, Science Aid, Aerial Observer.

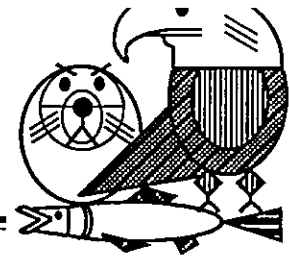
In 1952 I was an aerial observer mapping timber blowdown and the resultant bark beetle infestations. in 1951 I was an entomology aide on a spruce bedworm project in Maine. In the summers of 1946 to 1949, I was a lookout smokechaser and worked on forest disease control in Idaho.



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April 24, 1992

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Dear Mr. Gross:

Thank you for your nomination of John W. Merrick to serve on the Public Advisory Group. I will make sure Mr. Merrick receives information regarding serving on the Public Advisory Group when nominations are solicited.

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THE WILDERNESS SOCIETY

February 14, 1992

Trustee Council
c/o Dave Gibbons
645 G Street
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Dear Trustee Council:

The Wilderness Society is pleased to comment on the Public Advisory Group and other aspects of public participation in the restoration process for resources damaged by the Exxon Valdez oil spill. National interests are truly at stake in this process as most of the oiled shorelines were within the boundaries of conservation units designated by the Alaska National Interest Lands Act. As well, the federal Trustees must represent the interests of the natural resources for all Americans.

Foremost, we are concerned that most of this year's restoration funds are already spent by the Trustees--before meaningful public input--and we believe that the government should not reimburse itself for the damage assessment studies until after meaningful restoration begins, if at all. The Wilderness Society recommends that most of the civil settlement money be used to protect fish and wildlife habitat within the coastal forests, rivers, and shorelines by purchasing development rights and/or land on a willing seller basis. In many areas slated for logging this must begin without delay or the resources will be lost before the funds are there.

Furthermore, we believe that the Trustees must uphold their responsibilities to the natural resources they are vested to protect for the public, beyond what happens in the civil settlement process, for monitoring and assessing long-term ecological effects of the oil spill. We want to have the information in the long run that documents these effects. For example, after the Santa Barbara oil spill twenty years ago, research projects ended after two years, so there is not evidence of long-term effects but that doesn't mean that they did not occur. However, the restoration funds must not be viewed as the primary source of money for this research and monitoring effort. At the very least, the administrative overhead agencies are charging as a part of the damage closeout and restoration study budgets has already been appropriated separately and should be eliminated.

We strongly believe that the Public Advisory Group (PAG) should be comprised of the full array of interests damaged by the spill and that members should be selected by the interests groups they represent, not appointed or nominated by the Trustee Council. We recommend that interests represented by the Public Advisory Group include: local environmental groups, national environmental groups, commercial fishermen, tourism,

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commercial recreation, individual recreation, sport hunting and fishing, subsistence hunting and fishing, regional Native corporations, village Native corporations, Native village councils, and local spill-impacted community governments. As well, the Group should have subcommittees comprised of other people who are not on the committee itself to represent various geographical regions. This will allow greater participation by the affected interests and a stronger approach to consensus building.

The Public Advisory Group should make consensus decisions where possible, but majority recommendations with minority views should also be put forward to the Trustee Council. If the Trustee Council acts contrary to the recommendations of the Public Advisory Group, it should justify its reasons with written findings of fact.

We believe that two non-voting members (chosen by the Public Advisory Group) should be placed on the Trustee Council, as was done by the Trustees of the Shell oil spill settlement in California. This is the only way to ensure that input from the Public Advisory Group is a meaningful part of the Trustees decision-making process as mandated by the Court. As well, all decisions made by the Trustee Council should be summarized by the Council for the public as soon as possible.

The Public Advisory Group should be chartered and budgeted to hire its own staff, and receive adequate funding for reimbursing members for the cost of travel, telephone calls, etc. However, notification of the public concerning Trustee council meetings and collating of general public comments should remain the responsibility of the Trustee Council. The Group must have access to the restoration team, the habitat acquisition team, and the chief scientist to have as complete of information as possible for making recommendations.

In addition to the Public Advisory Group, we believe that the public deserves the opportunity for continued direct contact with the Trustees. As has been done thus far, comments from the general public should be taken at the end of each Trustee Council Meeting-- and in all cases prior to finalization of significant decisions. The Trustee Council should continue to hold meetings in Anchorage and other communities within the spill affected region. As well, we believe that the Trustee Council members themselves should actually visit each of the spill-impacted communities to hear for themselves the public's opinions and to see the areas first-hand. This is far more important than their reading summaries of our comments that have been filtered through a summarizing process. Having the opportunity to comment is not the same as "meaningful public participation" in the decision-making process.

The Wilderness Society is a national conservation organization with 350,000 members nationwide, nearly 2,000 of whom live in Alaska and many who reside along or use the shorelines of areas affected by the spill. The Wilderness Society has had a longstanding commitment to protection of the natural values and integrity of Alaska's park, refuges, forests, and other public lands and was influential in passage of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act. We appreciate this opportunity to comment.

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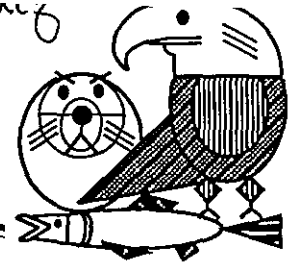


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As you may be aware, a number of other citizens and interest groups also advocate acquisition of habitat or timber rights as an important part of the restoration process. Your comments and suggestions, along with those received from other members of the public, will be carefully considered as the Trustee Council makes decisions about the overall restoration program.

We very much appreciate your ideas and concerns. If you have additional comments or questions, please feel free to contact me in care of the address above.

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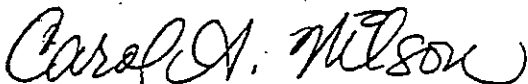
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Sincerely Yours,



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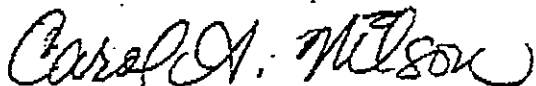
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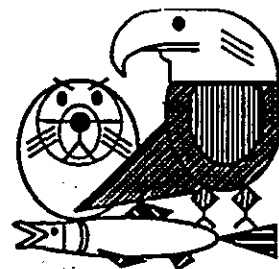
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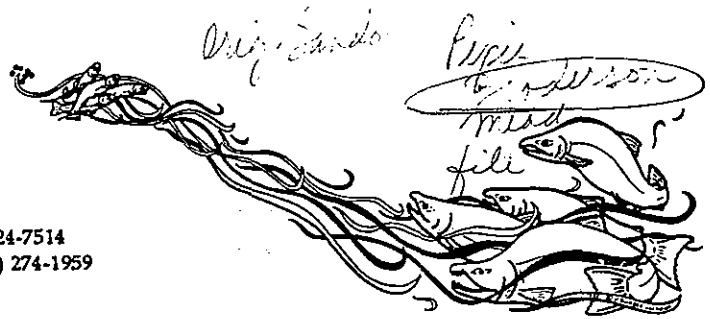
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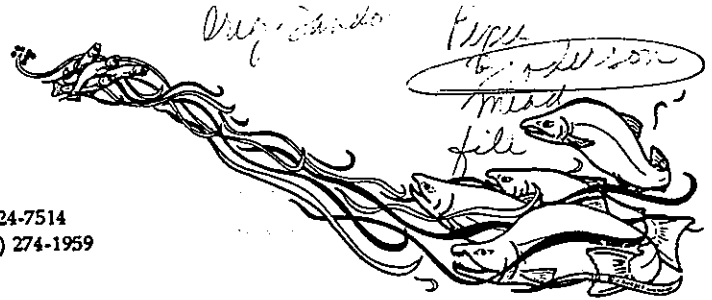
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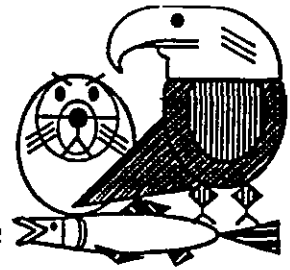
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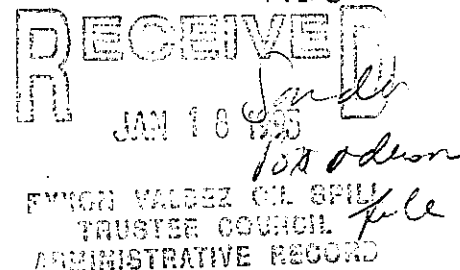
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RE: Meaningful Public Participation in the Restoration Process

Dear Trustee Council Members:

As you know, the Memorandum of Agreement and Consent Decree between the United States and the State of Alaska in settlement of the Exxon Valdez oil spill litigation requires that an "organizational structure for decision making" be established, including "procedures providing for meaningful public participation in the injury assessment and restoration process" and the "establishment of a public advisory group".

The Alaska Center for the Environment, the Sierra Club, and seven other environmental organizations submitted comments and

suggestions regarding meaningful public participation in a letter dated April 18, 1991. Those comments are for the most part still timely and relevant, and are incorporated herein by reference.

It is our understanding that the Trustees are currently establishing the organizational structure and the configuration and role of the public advisory group. It is our understanding that meetings have been held regarding these issues without the benefit of public input. We believe strongly that it is inappropriate for the Trustees to pursue these important matters behind closed doors and without full participation of the public. Such disregard for the spill-impacted communities still reeling from the environmental, social, and psychological affects of the Exxon Valdez disaster can only lead to a long, contentious, and ill-advised conflict between the state and federal agencies and many segments of the public.

While we applaud the announcement of the December 5 meeting in Anchorage as a public meeting, we note that advance notice of less than a week was provided, and we are concerned that decisions relating to the three agenda items have already been made in previous closed door meetings of the Trustees. We are also concerned that the meeting announcements do not state whether opportunities for public testimony will be provided. We urge you to provide the opportunity for meaningful public participation at the December 5 meeting, including the deferral of any decisions until after adequate opportunity for meaningful public participation.

To this end, we request that you release in draft form for public review and comment the proposed organizational structure, and we look forward to the opportunity to provide input at that time. In the meantime we respectfully suggest the following be incorporated into the draft organizational structure:

1. The appropriate expenditure of settlement monies, and public support for these expenditures, can only occur if there is substantial involvement of an active, informed, and balanced public advisory group. The advisory group should be given access to all Trustee, Trustee Council, Management Council, and agency working group meetings, and to all scientific data. In addition to regularly scheduled public advisory group meetings, the Trustees Council should be required to meet with the public advisory group as necessary to review and discuss all decisions regarding the development of restoration plans and the expenditure of settlement monies.

The public advisory group should include representation of a variety of public interests, and these representatives should be selected by the interests they represent, not by the Trustees, the Governor, or the President. We regret to note that the Hickel administration has a woeful track record in regard to providing the opportunity for diverse interests to participate on boards and advisory groups. For

example, the statutorily mandated commercial fishing and environmental seats on the state Board of Forestry have been left vacant by the Hickel Administration in lieu of the appointment in good faith of someone who may represent a viewpoint different from the Governor's; letters of nomination regarding these seats from the fishing and environmental communities have been ignored.

Our letter dated April 18, 1991 included an Attachment 1 which outlined our proposal for the public advisory group. Enclosed please find a copy of Attachment 1.

The public advisory group should be provided with a small independently paid staff to give the advisory group the capability and independence to have a meaningful role in the process. The group should meet regularly (at least bi-monthly) in spill impacted communities (location on a rotating basis), and should be provided with an adequate telephone, photocopying, and travel budget as well as a reasonable per diem to enable full and effective participation by all members. The public advisory group should also be provided with a budget to cover the expense of acquiring independent expert assistance to help review scientific data and research proposals.

2. "Meaningful public participation" should also include:

A. Public participation should not be limited to an advisory role only. We recommend that public members with voting power be on the Trustee Council itself. The Chair and Vice-chair of the public advisory group could serve as the public representatives on the Trustee Council. This would ensure that the recommendations of the advisory group will be given real weight, and would enhance public confidence in the decision-making process.

B. Release of the proposed organizational structure, the proposed configuration and role of the public advisory group, the proposed public participation opportunities, and the proposed criteria for deciding how to spend the settlement monies, for public review and comment.

C. Public meetings in spill impacted communities and Anchorage, after the development of the proposals outlined in (A), in order to fully explain the terms and conditions of the settlement to the general public and to receive public comment on the proposals outlined in (A).

D. Opportunities for public involvement in the development of draft annual restoration plans and other proposals, including proposals for expenditure of the settlement monies, and the release of these plans and proposals for public review and comment; these plans

and proposals should include a discussion of the options available within the parameters established by the settlement.

E. Regularly scheduled Trustee Council meetings held in spill impacted communities, open to the public and including opportunities for public testimony, in order to facilitate and ensure information flow from the Trustees to the public and receipt of information and comments from the public to the Trustees.

F. Data on natural resource damage and the results from ongoing damage assessment studies must be made public. The public can have a meaningful role in this process only if the nature and extent of harm suffered by different species and habitats, the predicted extent of future harm, and the success or lack thereof of restoration projects, is known.

We are eager to meet with you in person to discuss our concerns more fully, and we suggest the afternoon of December 5 as an appropriate opportunity, at the time and place of your convenience. We appreciate your consideration of our concerns, and once again urge you to release the draft organizational structure for public review and comment.

Sincerely,



Sue Libenson,
Executive Director
Alaska Center
for the Environment

Pamela Brodie
Associate Alaska Representative
Sierra Club

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A PROPOSAL FOR A PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Introduction

This memorandum proposes a structure and membership for an advisory committee that could be formed as part of the proposed Exxon Valdez settlement.

Members

We feel it is important to list categories of interests, not specific groups.

The categories we suggest¹:

- Environmental groups
 - national
 - Alaska
 - Prince William Sound
- Fishing groups
 - commercial
 - sport
- Recreational interests
 - low impact (kayaking, hiking, etc.)
 - tourism
- Natives
 - [non-profit (subsistence) only]
 - Chugach/PWS
 - Kodiak/Kenai
- Elected representatives of oiled communities
- Archeological/cultural/historical
 - [professional representation]
- Scientific
 - [outside scientists only, i.e., not permanent government employees; also should have no contracts, etc. with Exxon, Alyeska, and Alyeska owner companies]
 - Alaska scientist(s) with PWS focus
 - scientist(s) who studies Alaska environment
 - scientist(s) with relevant experience

¹ Where more than one subcategory is listed, we are suggesting that there be at least one representative for each subcategory.

Mechanics of Advisory Committee

Our goal is to devise a process which will allow the advisory committee meaningful participation in the work of the trust. As part of this, we feel it is important to make the committee as independent and as well-supported as possible.

We suggest that:

-- the committee have a small, paid staff and these staff members will not be employees of the trustees' respective agencies;

-- the committee members will have their expenses paid and will have a per diem;

-- the committee will meet bi-monthly and in consultation with their staff and with government agency professionals² will propose an annual workplan/spending plan for the trust; this plan will include a reasonable list of options from which the trustees would choose (trustees would have to choose options only from this list, however);

-- the staff should include a public participation expert and a scheme of adequate public participation should be guaranteed;

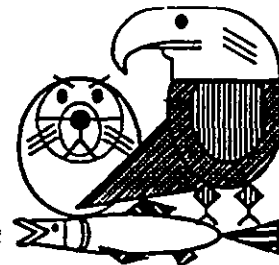
-- the committee would be chaired by a distinguished public citizen (for example, Jay Hammond or Russell Train) and members of the committee would be chosen by the groups/organizations/individuals that make up the specific categories of interests listed above³; private mediators/facilitators could be used to aid in this selection process.

² This would include the following agencies' professional staffs: Alaska: F&G, DEC, DNR; US: EPA, NOAA (NMFS), USFS, USF&WS, NPS.

³ The parties involved in the Exxon Valdez oil spill litigation who are included in these suggested categories could be consulted as part of this selection process.



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February 24, 1992

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Dear Ms. Libenson:

Your letter to the Trustee Council has been forwarded to me for comment. Thank you and Ms. Brodie for your suggestions regarding development of public participation policies for restoration projects following the Exxon Valdez oil spill. Your comments and suggestions, along with those received from other members of the public, will be carefully considered as the Trustee Council and the Restoration Team make decisions about establishment of the Public Advisory Group and other elements of a public involvement program.

We very much appreciate your ideas and concerns. If you have additional comments or questions, please feel free to contact me in care of the address above.

Sincerely yours,

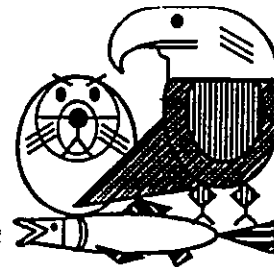
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cc: Trustee Council



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We very much appreciate your ideas and concerns. If you have additional comments or questions, please feel free to contact me in care of the address above.

Sincerely yours,

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Trustee Council
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EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL
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RE: Public Process for Exxon Valdez Spill Restoration

Dear Mr. Gibbons:

The Alaska Center for the Environment welcomes the opportunity to comment on the above referenced spill restoration process. We believe that full public involvement is essential to a successful restoration effort. Towards that end, we make the following comments:

1. The Public Advisory Group (PAG) mandated by the Settlement should be composed of thirteen members selected by the interest groups they represent, not appointed by the Trustee Council or other governmental officials. We emphasize this point because the very validity and credibility of the PAG depends on trust and a good working relationship between the PAG members, the public they represent, and the Trustee Council they are advising. Unfortunately, the current state administration has a documented history of appointing individuals to advisory groups who are not representative of the interests they are supposed to represent. A case in point is the Alaska Board of Forestry. The current "representative" of environmental organizations, a seat mandated by statute, was not selected from the list of nominees submitted by the environmental community.

The PAG should be composed of one representative each of the following interests:

- Local and regional environmental groups
- National environmental groups
- Commercial fishermen
- Aquaculture
- Tourism
- Commercial recreation
- Private recreation
- Sport hunting and fishing
- Subsistence hunting and fishing
- Regional native corporations
- Village native corporations
- Native village councils
- Local spill-impacted community governments

The PAG should be allowed full access to all Restoration Team and other agency staff meetings, as well as full access to the Trustee Council.

2. The PAG should be allowed to select two of its members to represent the public as non-voting members of the Trustee Council. Precedent for this was established by the Trustees of the Shell Oil Spill Settlement in California, which has two non-voting members representing the public.

3. The PAG should have subcommittees, composed of individuals who are not PAG members, representing the several geographic regions within the spill-impacted area.

4. The PAG should be provided a budget sufficient to enable it to hire at least two staff persons to serve at the pleasure of the PAG in order to assist in setting up meetings, facilitating communication flow between PAG members, between PAG members and the Trustee Council, between PAG members and Restoration staff, between PAG members and the interests they represent, and between the PAG and the general public. Staff should have day to day involvement with the Restoration Team. The budget should also include adequate funds for travel to meetings, telephone calls, printing, per diem, and other expenses. Assuming one PAG meeting per month, an annual budget of \$250,000 to \$300,000 would be necessary.

5. The Trustee Council should be held accountable for their decisions. If the Trustee Council acts contrary to the recommendations of the PAG, it should have to justify its actions with "written findings of fact" prior to proceeding with the actions in question.

6. The Trustee Council should continue to hold regular public meetings in Anchorage and other communities within the spill-impacted region so that the general public can review and comment on draft restoration plans. And since the spill impacted federally managed national interest lands, public meetings should be held in the Lower 48 as well.

7. Adequate involvement of the general public can be assisted by the establishment of an information office staffed by a public involvement specialist.

8. We oppose the idea being forwarded by a few individuals that a series of public advisory groups be established, each representing a different interest, which would recommend how to spend monies earmarked for those interests by the Trustee Council. This scheme fails to provide a mechanism for public input to the Trustee Council on how the monies would be "divided", fails to address the overlapping concerns of many interests, and perpetuates an attitude of "pork barrel" politics. The diversity of interests should come together in a common PAG in order to provide the most valuable and credible advice to the Trustee Council.

In addition, we have the following general comments:

9. The Trustee Council must immediately address the question of legislative and congressional appropriation powers. The Alaska constitution requires that the legislature appropriate all monies. The Trustee Council must immediately negotiate with the legislature a procedural solution to this problem so that restoration monies can be utilized for habitat acquisition and other restoration projects immediately.

10. We adamantly oppose the idea being forwarded by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation and others to place most of the Settlement money into an endowment. This is a thinly veiled attempt to limit the amount of money immediately available to pursue habitat acquisition and other restoration projects. This does not comply with the spirit or intent of the Settlement, by essentially locking up the funds now when they are needed most. It is unclear how endowment funds available in the distant future, say the year 2101 A.D., could be used to "restore" the impacted areas.

Broad segments of the public have stated repeatedly that acquisition of fish and wildlife habitat and recreation sites is the most appropriate and valuable way in which settlement funds can be utilized. It is necessary for the amount of funds available for these acquisitions be maximized now and over the next ten years, in the face of imminent logging and other development activities. An endowment does not respond to this public need.

11. We oppose continuing efforts by the agencies to fund their operating budgets with settlement monies. We also oppose the use of settlement funds for unnecessary scientific studies. All efforts should focus on maximizing the funds available for habitat acquisition.

12. We are dismayed by the concerns expressed by certain Trustee Council members regarding habitat acquisition, based on philosophical opposition to acquisition of privately owned resources with public funds. Philosophical opposition notwithstanding, the Trustee Council must seek to maximize the restoration of the spill-impacted areas with the limited monies available. Public support for habitat acquisition and the presence of willing sellers provides a clear opportunity to maximize private realization of capital assets and long term economic diversity in local communities. Given that the future economic well-being of local spill-impacted communities depends on a diversity of forest dependent industries such as commercial fishing, sport fishing and hunting, recreation, tourism, and subsistence uses, habitat acquisition is essential for economic as well as biological reasons.

We appreciate your careful consideration of our comments. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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Alan Phipps
State Lands Specialist

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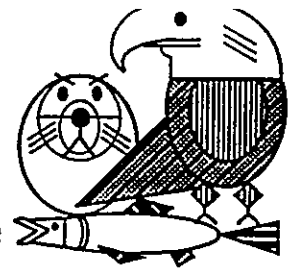
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Sincerely,
Alan Knight
Area Sales Specialist



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February 19, 1992

Alan Phipps
Alaska Center for the Environment
519 West 8th Ave. #201
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Dear Mr. Phipps:

Thank you for your suggestions regarding development of public participation policies for restoration projects following the Exxon Valdez oil spill. Your comments, along with those received from other members of the public, will be carefully considered as the Trustee Council and the Restoration Team make decisions about establishment of the Public Advisory Group and other elements of a public involvement program.

We very much appreciate your making us aware of your ideas and concerns. If you have additional comments or questions, please feel free to contact me in care of the address above.

Sincerely yours,

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Dave Gibbons
Interim Administrative Director



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Mike Barton
Regional Forester
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Dear Mike:

It's come to my attention that John Merrick has been nominated to serve on the "Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Public Advisory Group." John is a long time Alaskan. He has a great knowledge of resource management having worked for the Bureau of Land Management as an Area Manager in Alaska.

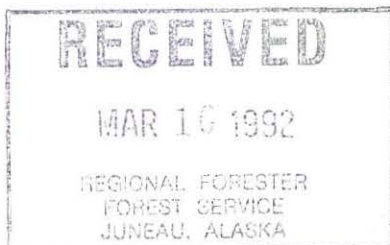
I personally feel that John's educational and professional experiences qualifies him as an outstanding candidate for this advisory group.

Please add my name to those that also support Mr. Merrick for this position.

Sincerely,

DON YOUNG
Congressman for all Alaska

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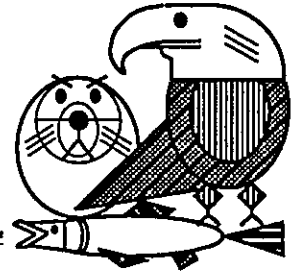
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April 7, 1992

Representative Don Young
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Young:

Your letter to Mike Barton has been forwarded to me for response. Thank you for your nomination of John Merrick to serve on the Public Advisory Group to advise the Trustee Council on restoration projects following the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

The Trustee Council will soon be soliciting nominations for the Public Advisory Group. The process to be followed will be discussed at the Trustee Council meeting scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. on April 27 at 645 G Street in Anchorage. I will make sure that your nomination of John Merrick is entered into the public record.

We very much appreciate your ideas and concerns. If you have additional comments or questions, please feel free to contact me in care of the address above.

Sincerely yours,

Dave Gibbons, PhD
Interim Administrative Director

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Mr. Charles Cole
Attorney General
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Mr. John Sandor, Commissioner
Department of Environmental Conservation
P.O. Box O
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Mr. Carl Rosier
Alaska Department of Fish & Game
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Dear Messrs. Cole, Sandor and Rosier,

In the coming months, the Exxon Valdez Trustees will be developing plans to expend money from the recent civil settlement with Exxon Corporation. As three of the six Trustees overseeing the restoration funds, your decisions will help determine the course of restoration efforts into the next century. I feel it very important that your initial planning include adequate public participation. In that regard, I would like to offer some thoughts for your consideration.

The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the state and federal governments commits the Trustees to the establish a "public advisory group to advise the Trustees." However, merely establishing such a group would not, in my opinion, ensure an adequate public forum for "meaningful public participation" as suggested in the MOA. I would like to suggest that you consider much more comprehensive involvement by the public.

In addition to this broadly representative advisory group of public members, I believe that you should include public members at all levels. For example, three individuals from the public advisory group could also be included as non-voting members of the Trustees Council (perhaps only for those decisions relating to restoration). Similarly, three (or more) members from the public advisory group should also be included on the Management Team, the Restoration Planning and Working Group and any other policy or advisory groups

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established by the Trustees Council.

I believe this level of involvement will be necessary to build the kind of public support that will make the restoration program operate with a maximum of public acceptance and a minimum of controversy. Only by including the public in all phases of planning and decision-making will you establish the trust necessary to effectively implement your programs.

To promote public accessibility, I believe that you should consider adequately funding the public involvement program to make the Trustees and subgroups accessible to the public. Hiring a public information officer and public liaison would be a good first step.

National polls indicate that public confidence in government at all levels is at an all-time low. The lives of many coastal residents were severely disrupted by the Exxon Valdez oil spill and subsequent attempts to clean the beaches. Trust in government was lost as a result. I believe that aggressive and continuing efforts to encourage public participation in the restoration planning process can begin to restore that trust and serve as a model of how government should and can work for the people.

I hope that you will find these suggestions helpful. If there is anything I can do to be of assistance in your efforts, please do not hesitate to contact me. With best regards,

Cordially,



Cliff Davidson, Chairman
House Resources Committee

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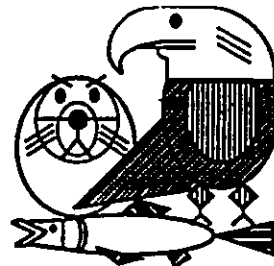
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February 24, 1992

Representative Cliff Davidson
Alaska State Legislature
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Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Representative Davidson:

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Dear Representative Kubina:

Thank you for your letter regarding possible membership composition of the Public Advisory Group to the Trustee Council. Your suggestion that this Group be composed of community leaders from the affected region deserves our careful consideration. I am sharing your letter with the other five Trustee Council members so we may collectively discuss your suggestions. I anticipate that decisions regarding the composition of this Group will require some immediate attention by the Council and further discussion is scheduled for our next Council meeting on the evening of January 10.

Your interest and those of others is most appreciate in this busy time of organizing for the complex tasks ahead of us. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,


Steven Pennoyer
Director, Alaska Region

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Michael A. Barton, Regional Forester
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Juneau, Alaska 99802

Dear Mr. Barton:

As Attorney General Cole stated during the meeting of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Settlement Trustee Council meeting on December 5th, things are just getting organized with a lot of work ahead. Obviously, you and the rest of the trustees have many details to attend to before you begin the actual restoration work.

There was one issue that came up during the meeting that I feel very strongly about. This concerns members of the Advisory Committee. Instead of creating this important body through the usual appointment process from a list of special interest groups, I think that the Trustee's would create a very positive message if they tried another approach. My suggestion is that you let the mayors (or Presidents, as in the case of the villages) of the impacted communities either take on this role or choose a designate. Further, I would also recommend that any designate be confirmed by the governing body of the community--whether that be a city council or other, elected group.

By choosing community leaders, those who have been selected by their constituents to represent them on a wide field of issues, you will be sending a clear message concerning the Trustee's desire to garner the support and input of as many of the citizens of the affected region as possible. For that matter, those who are chosen to represent their communities and villages usually reflect mainstream ideas and values. As you are aware, members of special interest groups often represent a very particular constituency.

Mr. Barton, in case we don't get an opportunity to communicate before the Noel season is upon us, the very best of Christmas and the New Year to you and yours.

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With warmest regards,


Representative Gene Kubina
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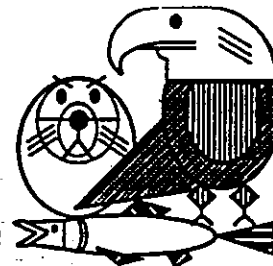
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February 24, 1992

Representative Eugene Kubina
Alaska State Legislature
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Dave Gibbons, PhD
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cc: Trustee Council

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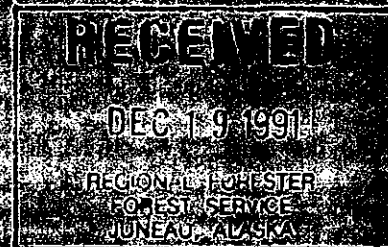
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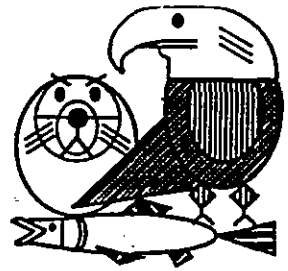
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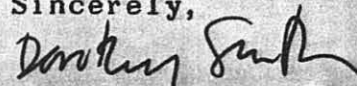
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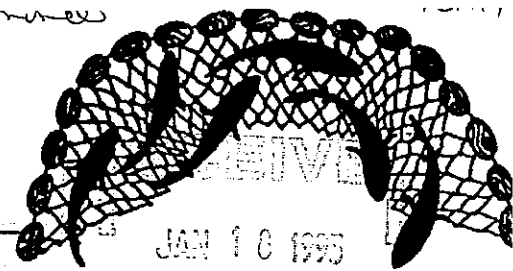
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cc: Trustee Council

Area K Seiners Association
P.O. Box 2399 Kodiak, Alaska 99615
Phone 907/486-4686 FAX 907/486-7655



December 27th. 1991

Trustees for the Exxon Valdez Spill Settlement
c/o Dave Givens, Director
645 "G" Street
Anchorage, AK 99503

EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL
TRUSTEE COUNCIL
ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS

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Dear Trustees and Mr. Givens:

Our organization represents salmon seine fishermen in the Kodiak area and we would like to comment on the appointment of individuals to the "Public Advisory Group" by pointing out a few considerations.

There is no citizen or industry group that was more adversely affected by the Exxon spill than Kodiak seiners. Our fishery was closed the entire spill year unlike salmon fisheries in Chignik, Cook Inlet, and even Prince William Sound. The Kodiak area is immediately downstream from PWS and the oil impacted us in every form, from scattered tar balls to beaches oiled two feet thick. At the same time, our fleet had a high level of involvement in clean-up activities through an oil collection program we designed ourselves. In fact, the program was the genesis of our organization.

When considering appointments to the Public Advisory Group, you will naturally want these individuals - charged with advising on effective restoration measures - to include representatives from groups closest to the damage. Members of our organization have taken leadership roles in the Alyeska watchdog group, Regional Citizens Advisory Council; in forest practices and timber acquisitions; and in the Kodiak Regional Aquaculture Association. Additionally, members have been active in ocean ecology issues, including sea mammal protection, salmon habitat carrying capacity and inter-regional resource allocations.

In light of these facts, we expect to be included in the Public Advisory Group and look forward to serving the restoration process. Please keep us informed of the progress in establishing a Public Advisory Group as we continue to monitor the Trustee meetings by teleconference.

Sincerely,

Kelly Schachtler

Kelly Schachtler,
Director

cc: Ernie Piper

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KACHEMAK BAY CONSERVATION SOCIETY
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Dear Mr. Gibbons:

The Kachemak Bay Conservation Society has read with dismay preliminary information about the budget for the Exxon Valdez Settlement money. We strongly believe that any budget that does not dedicate the bulk of the money, preferably about 80%, for acquisition of fish and wildlife habitat and recreation sites in the affected coastal forest areas by purchasing land and/or development rights from willing sellers is not in the public's best interest. Furthermore, these funds should be spent first to protect lands that could be lost to development if immediate action is not taken rather than using the money to pay government expenses or to fund research projects. Kachemak Bay State Park is a prime example of an area in a critical habitat that could be clearcut next summer if it is not purchased this year.

We are also very concerned about the process for determining how the settlement money is spent. Full public involvement in how these monies are spent is essential. KBCS feels that the Public Advisory Group members should be selected by the groups they represent rather than be appointed by government officials. The Trustees Council was government appointed, so the Advisory Group should be the public's choice. A fair and balanced representation of interest groups should be established. We suggest representatives from the following groups: Local environmental, national environmental, sport hunting and fishing, subsistence hunting and fishing, tourism, regional and village native corporations, local spill-impacted community governments, commercial recreation, and private recreation. At least two of the members of the Public Advisory Group should be placed on the Trustee Council to represent the public point of view. They should be selected by the Public Advisory Group.

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mean the public has a say and that their opinions will be truly listened to.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Nina Faust

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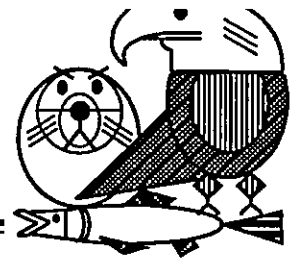
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April 7, 1992

Nina Faust
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Dear Ms. Faust:

Thank you for your suggestions regarding the restoration projects you believe are most important, and additionally, your comments concerning the development of public participation policies following the Exxon Valdez oil spill. The Trustee Council will make decisions about some aspects of the Public Advisory Group at their meeting scheduled for April 27. If you are going to be in Anchorage you might consider attending, beginning at 10 a.m. at the address above. A public comment period will be teleconferenced, including Homer, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Alternately, transcripts of all Trustee Council meetings can be obtained from the Oil Spill Public Information Center in Anchorage at 278-8008.

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Re: Citizen's Advisory Committee for restoration of Prince
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Kevin Walker
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Very truly yours,

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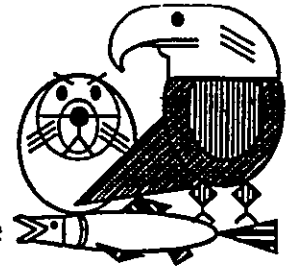
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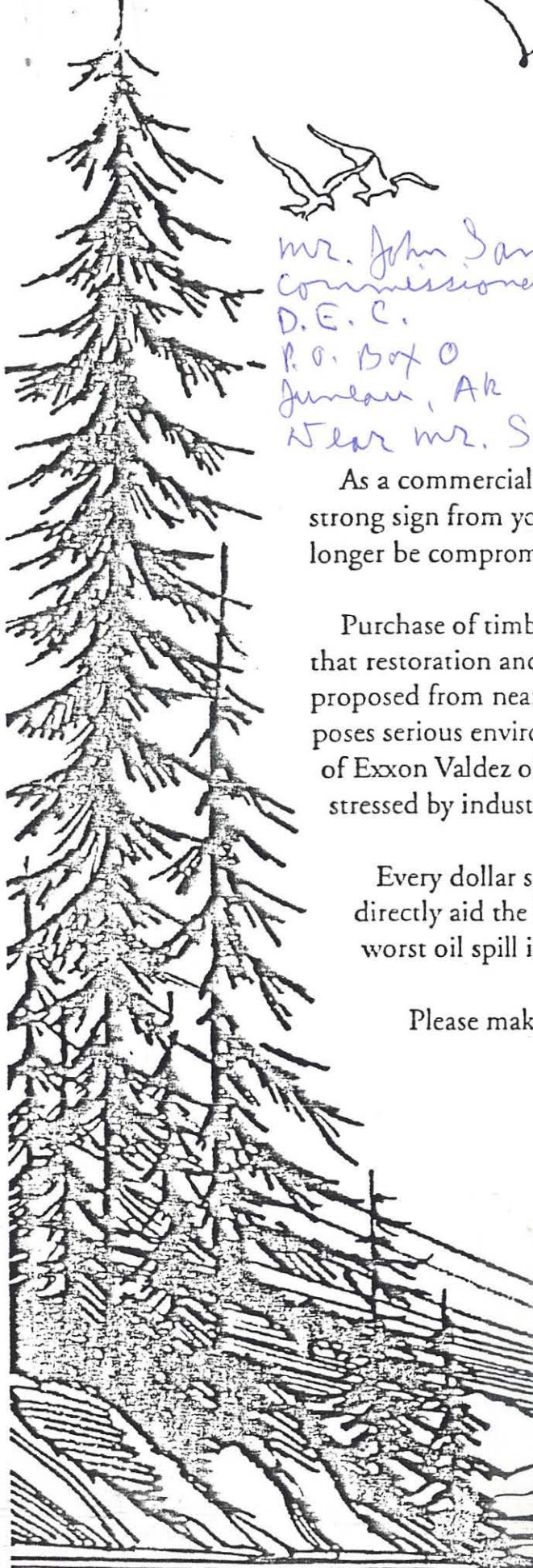
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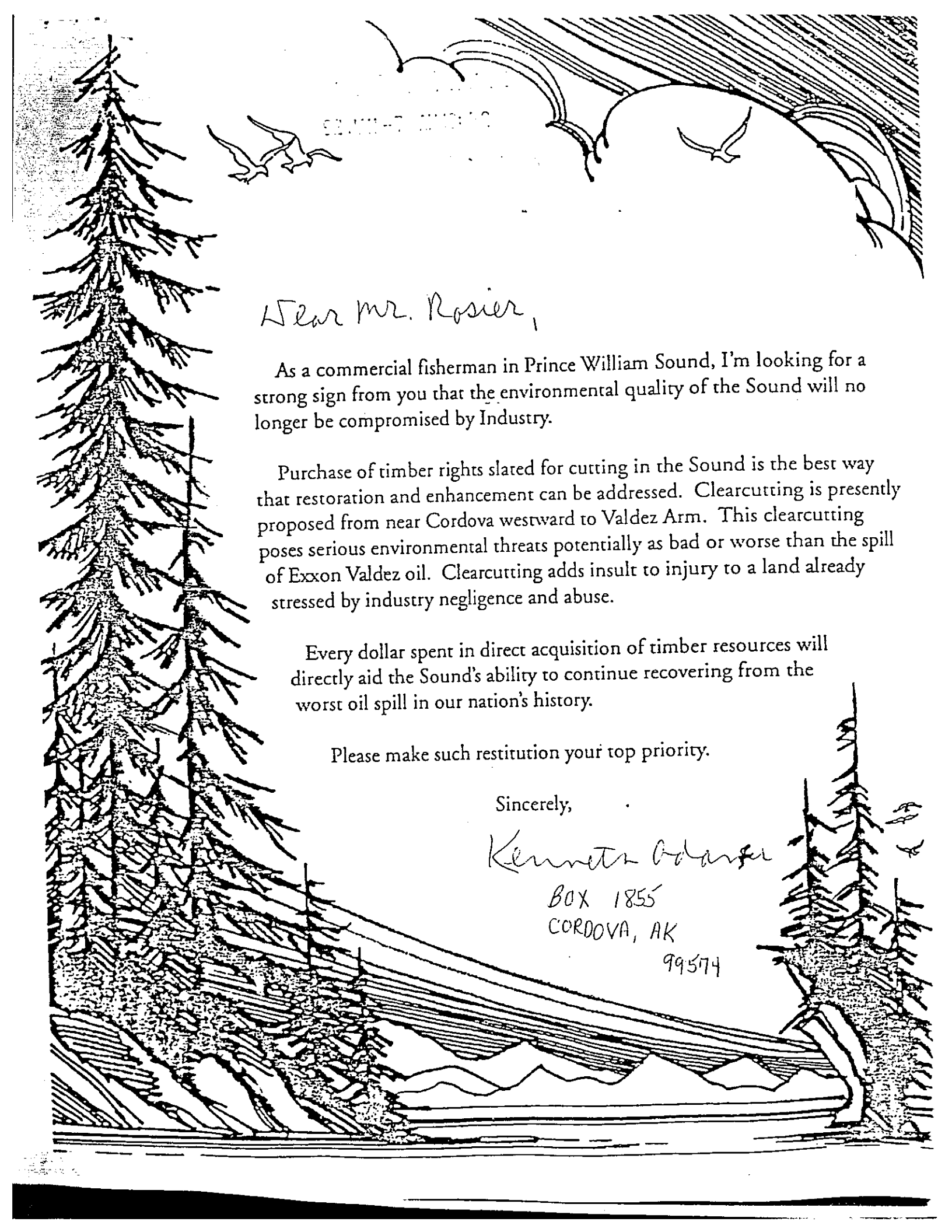
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Sincerely,

Kenneth Adams

Adams
Box 1855
Cordova, Ak
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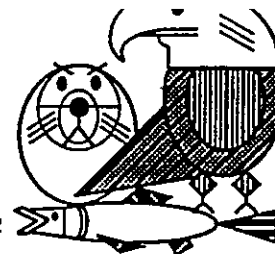
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February 21, 1992

Ken Adams
P.O. Box 1855
Cordova, AK 99574

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Dear Sir

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As a Commercial Fisherman in Prince William Sound, I am very concerned with the future of the Sound. The proposed clear cutting of the sound has the potential of destroying the environment and the fishing industry. This would be a tragedy much worse than the Exxon Valdez oil spill. Purchase of timber rights slated for clear cutting in the sound is the best way that restoration and enhancement can be addressed. Every dollar spent in direct acquisition of timber resources will directly aid in preserving the sound for all Alaskans. Please help us keep the sound from being destroyed.

Thank You for your time.

Sincerely,

Mark J. Reynolds

Mark L. Reynolds

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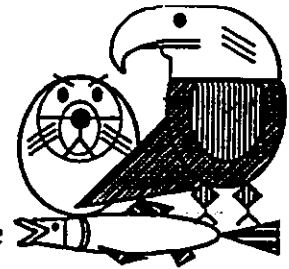
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Cordova, AK 99574

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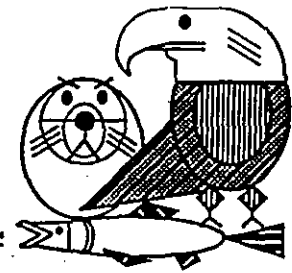
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February 21, 1992

Scott E. McKenzie
Box 2071
Cordova, AK 99574

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Dave Gibbons, PhD
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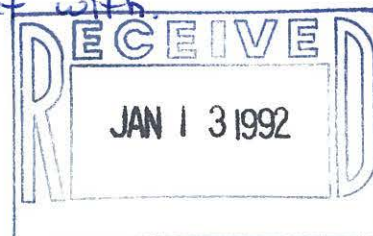
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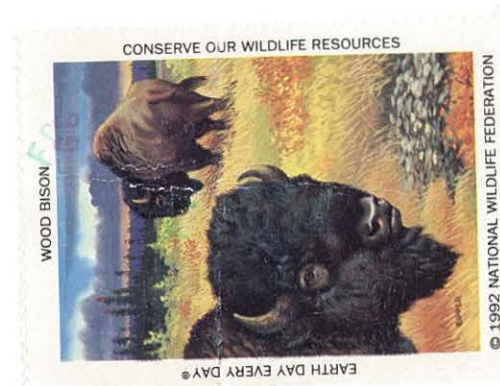
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To us, in the lower states, to the people of Alaska, to the world, and most important, to your own heart, do not waste the few precious pennies EXXON has been forced to part with.



Sincerely,
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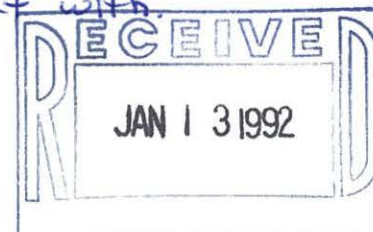
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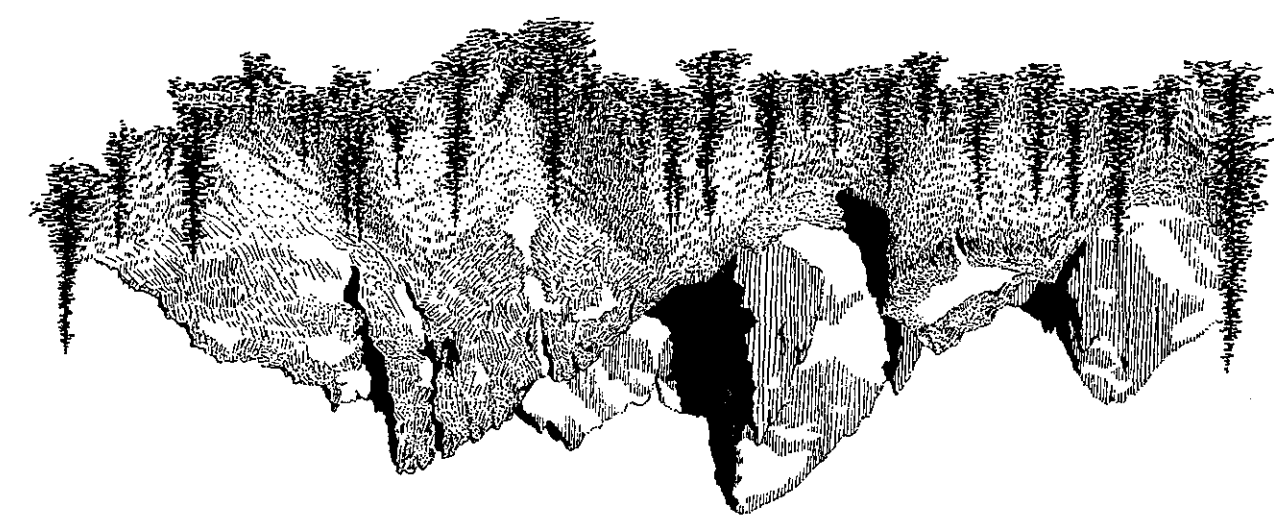
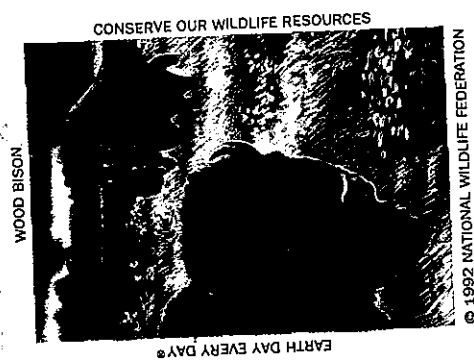
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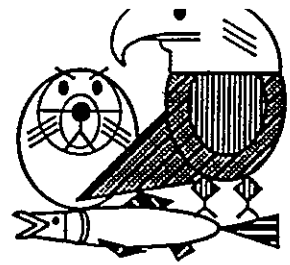


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February 21, 1992

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Sincerely yours,

Dave Gibbons, PhD
Interim Administrative Director

cc: Trustee Council

January 28, 1992

Dear Trustees / Governor Hickel

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Sincerely,

Karen P. St. Jean
P.O. BOX 141215
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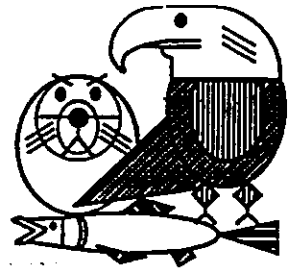
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February 21, 1992

Karen P. St. Jean
P.O. Box 141215
Anchorage, AK 99514

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Dave Gibbons, PhD
Interim Administrative Director

cc: Trustee Council

December 21, 1991

Burt Redmayne
435 University Ave
Boulder, CO 80302

Dear Trustees/Governor Hickel,

As a commercial fisherman in Prince William Sound I am looking for a strong sign from you that the environmental quality of the Sound will no longer be compromised by the sort of phony tax schemes characterised by the Native Corporation logging now taking place there.

Purchase of these timber rights slated for clearcutting with funds from the Exxon Settlement will save the Sound from this travesty without undue hardship on the Native Corps. It will also help to preserve the Sound's uniquely unspoiled environment that directly contributes to the livelihood of hundreds of Alaskans and seasonal residents like myself.

Thank you for your attention to this important opportunity.

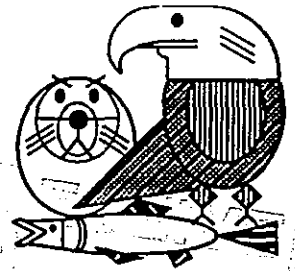
Yours truly,

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Environmental ConservationDATE: 1-7-92TIME: 0800TOTAL PAGES 2 incl. coverTO: John Sander Comm.COMPANY: DFCFROM: Floyd Hutchens Pres. PWS Science Ass.COMMENTS: Please give this issue your
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'March from the North Pacific Waters'

Dear Trustees/Governor Hickel

I have been a fisherman in Prince William Sound for the last 23 years and presently serve as the president of the Prince William Sound Seiners Association.

For the first time since I've been in the fishing industry the opportunity exists to preserve not only Alaska's most viable renewable resource but to give Alaskans and the world an opportunity to enjoy one of the most beautiful pristine places on the earth; Prince William Sound itself.

Out of the tragic events of March 1989 comes the opportunity to right many wrongs and injustices, dating back to the 70's and to the Supreme Court. The favorable ruling by the Supreme court against Aleyska for noncompliance to Environmental Impact Statements, the reversal by congress due to National Security Risks, to the last tragedy, the Exxon Valdez; can all be mollified somewhat by your collective actions.

As trustees for the oil spill restoration fund we strongly recommend that you purchase timber rights within P.W.S. to preserve the environmental quality of the sound and lessen the impact of industry, on an already compromised ecosystem. From the tragedy of the Exxon Valdez incident let us give to the future and allow nature the ability to heal without further encroachment.

We implore you to make the acquisition of timber resources your top priority as members of this council.

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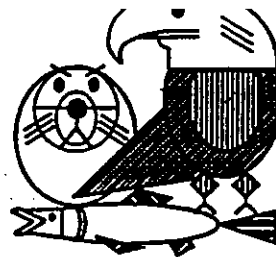
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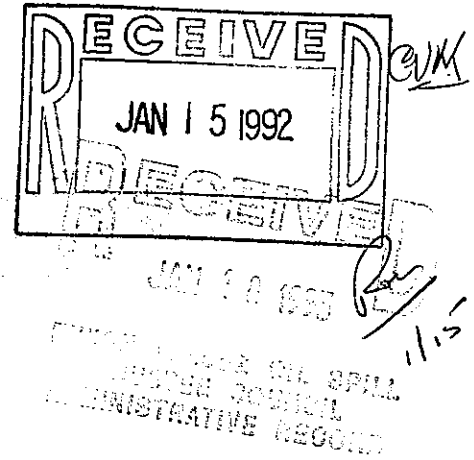
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Tom Hall and Elizabeth McLoughlin
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State & Fed. Trustees Council for
Oil Spill Restoration, c/o Curt McVee
Dept. of the Interior, Off. of the Secretary
1689 C. St., Suite 100
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12 January 1992

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cc. Senators Cranston & Seymour; Rep. N. Pelosi

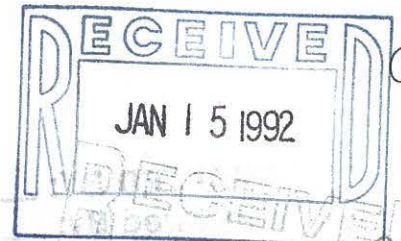
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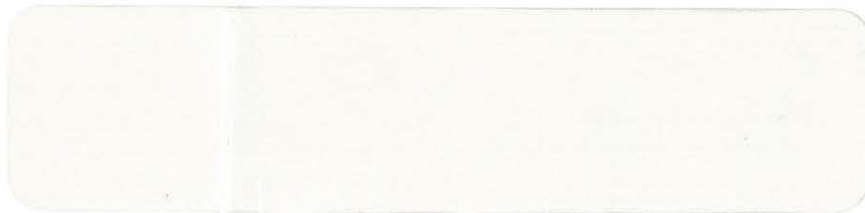
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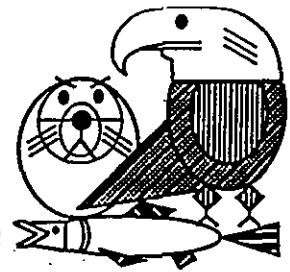
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February 21, 1992

Tom Hall and Elizabeth McLoughlin
1515 Sixteenth Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94122

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We very much appreciate your ideas and concerns. If you have additional comments or questions, please feel free to contact me in care of the address above.

Sincerely yours,

Dave Gibbons, PhD
Interim Administrative Director

cc: Trustee Council
M. McGee

Dec 30, 1991

To: Mike Barton, Regional Director
 USDA Forrest Service
 PO Box 21628
 Juneau, Ak 99802

From: Larry L. Lietzau
 Box 2195
 Cordova, AK 99574

Ref: Clearcutting

CORRESPONDENCE CONTROL NO. 384

TO: CNF

RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED BY: 1/16/92

SIGNED BY: FS for RF

CC'S TO: (RF/CONTROL)

RF, OSC

Dear Mr. Barton,

I am a four year resident of Cordova. During that time period I have personally witnessed some tragic things happen to Prince William Sound and the surrounding area of Cordova. I am sure that we will never completely recover from the spill but I am sure that we can prevent future devastation caused by clearcutting.

The Eyak Corporation sold timber rights to Sherestone Logging Inc. I am sure that you are aware that this "kitchen table" Corporation sale was conducted between Catherine Anderson (President Eyak Corporation) and Robert "Bob" Anderson (Owner Sherestone Logging), husband and wife. The intent is obvious.

More important to the residents of Prince William Sound is the irresponsible manner in which the timber is being harvested: clearcutting. Two Moons Bay, Fish Bay, Sheridan Glacier and now plans for the land around Eyak Lake (Cordovas watershed), Eyak river near Cordova. In the future, all the timber on the coast between Cordova and Valdez. I invite you to come to Cordova and take a flight seeing trip with me in my airplane. View the rape and devastation personally. I believe that if you saw the complete disregard for the environment, scenic areas, Cordovas watershed and the impact on local Salmon streams and wildlife, you would be inclined to take action.

I prepose that you:

- (1) support the spending of oil spill funds to buy back the timber rights.
- (2) Support the state preposal to trade timber of equal value in areas that would not be impacted as greatly as the Cordova and Prince William Sound areas.
- (3) Direct that clearcutting practices be eliminated.

A reply would be appreciated.

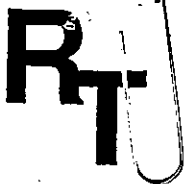
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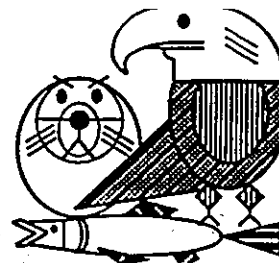
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February 21, 1992

Larry L. Lietzau
Box 2195
Cordova, AK 99574

Dear Mr. Lietzau:

A copy of your letter to Mr. Michael Barton of the U.S. Forest Service has been forwarded to me for my comment. Thank you for your suggestions regarding the restoration projects you believe are most important for the Trustee Council to implement following the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

As you may be aware, a number of other citizens and interest groups also advocate acquisition of habitat or timber rights as an important part of the restoration process. Your comments, along with those received from other members of the public, will be carefully considered as the Trustee Council and the Restoration Team make decisions about the overall restoration program.

We very much appreciate your ideas and concerns. If you have additional comments or questions, please feel free to contact me in care of the address above.

Sincerely yours,

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Dave Gibbons, PhD
Interim Administrative Director

cc: Trustee Council

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The Honorable Charles Cole
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Re: Restoration of Prince William Sound

Dear Mr. Cole,

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I am writing to you as a member of the Trustee Council that will administer the Exxon Valdez settlement monies to restore Prince William Sound.

I urge you and the council to use these monies to buy back the timber rights on large areas of lands in the Sound, on Kodiak Island and the Kenai Peninsula. Acquisition of these timber rights will protect critical habitats for fish and wildlife in the region. I understand that the Native corporations and other corporations are interested in selling and see this proposition as a "win-win".

My brother is a salmon fisherman in Cordova and I have visited Prince William Sound on many occasions, so I feel very close to this area. This area is marvelous natural resource and should be protected as much as possible.

I would appreciate if you would copy this letter to other members of the Trustee Council. Thank you in advance for your careful consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,


Don Kenyon

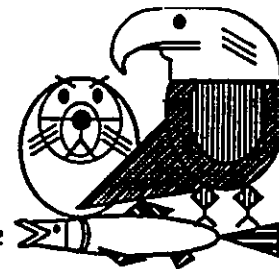
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February 21, 1992

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We very much appreciate your ideas and concerns. If you have additional comments or questions, please feel free to contact me in care of the address above.

Sincerely yours,

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Dave Gibbons, PhD
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