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January 28, 1992

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Sincerely,

*Martha L. Shepard*

Martha L. Shepard, Chair

LINK

Library Information Network

221 E. 7th Ave #203

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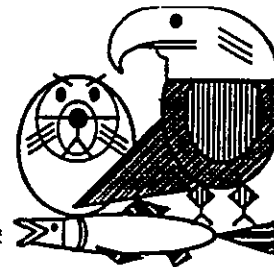
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**Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Restoration Team**  
645 "G" Street, Anchorage, AK 99501  
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February 24, 1992

Martha L. Shepard  
Anchorage Library Information Network  
221 E 7th Ave #203  
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Dave Gibbons, PhD  
Interim Administrative Director

cc: Trustee Council

U. S. Coast Guard  
Captain of the Port  
Pollution Response Office  
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Governors Island, NY 10004  
January 16, 1992

Steven Pennoyer  
Director  
U.S. Dept. of Commerce  
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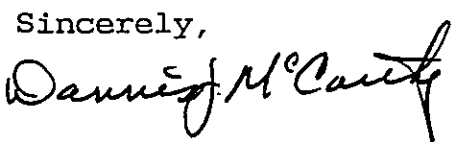
Dear Mr. Pennoyer,

I am writing to you with the hope of adding my name to many regarding the proposed transfer of the Oil Spill Public Information Center (OSPIC) to the Bureau of Land Management's library.

In the past I've received a tremendous amount of help and information from the OSPIC and fear that its transfer to a federal agency would greatly diminish its effectiveness. I feel that if the OSPIC was to fall under the Bureau of Land Management it would be bogged down in the bureaucracy. That information available now would either be more difficult to acquire or possibly no longer free for the asking.

I have utilized the OSPIC in the past to acquire valuable information that has enabled me to teach oil spill response and effects at local schools and colleges as well as the training of U. S. Coast Guard Pollution Response personnel.

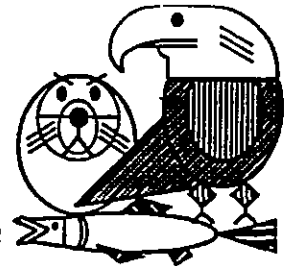
This issue is of great concern to me. I would appreciate any consideration of what I've said or assistance you could offer when dealing with those who will make this very important decision.

Sincerely,  
  
Dennis J. McCarthy



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201 W. 22nd. Ave.  
Anchorage, AK 99503  
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Mr. John Sandor  
Commissioner  
Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation  
410 Willoughby Ave. Suite 105  
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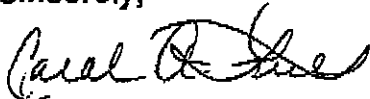
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Carol A. Fries



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January 30, 1992

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cc: W. Wolfe  
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Mr. Mike Barton  
Regional Forester  
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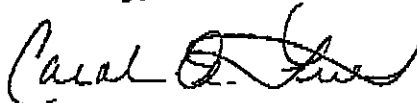
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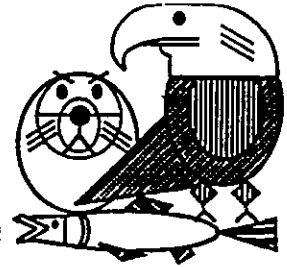
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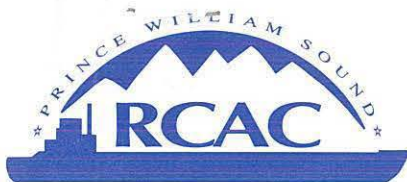
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Sincerely yours,

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Dave Gibbons, PhD  
Interim Administrative Director

cc: Trustee Council



Regional Citizens' Advisory Council / 601 West Fifth Avenue, Suite 500 / Anchorage, Alaska 99501-2254 / (907) 277-7222 / FAX (907) 277-4523



January 27, 1992

Trustee Council  
c/o Dave Gibbons  
Interim Administrative Director  
645 G Street  
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Trustees,

The Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council (RCAC) strongly urges you to support funding for the Oil Spill Public Information Center. We have found it to be an extremely valuable resource, for our own work and as a referral source for the general public.

The OSPIC offers a unique service: archival resources open, inviting and accessible to the public. If the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill left a legacy, it is that public awareness and involvement provide a strong defense against the type of complacency that allowed a catastrophic spill to occur.

We believe that the OSPIC is an indispensable tool in that defense. We encourage you to seriously consider funding the center at a level that will keep it operating and viable.

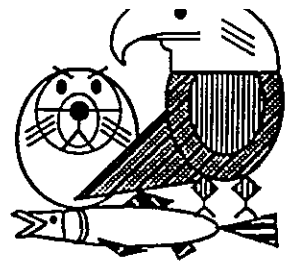
Sincerely,

Sheila K. Gottehrer  
Executive Director

cc: RCAC members  
Mary MGee, Director, Oil Spill Public Information Center



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February 19, 1992

Sheila Gottehrer  
Regional Citizens Advisory Council  
601 West Fifth Avenue, Suite 500  
Anchorage, AK 99501-2254

Dear Ms. Gottehrer:

Thank you for writing with 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 members of the Trustee Council and the Restoration Team make decisions regarding 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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Texas Engineering Extension Service

Occupational and Environmental Safety Training Division 409 · 740 · 4490

The Texas A&M University System

P.O. Box 1675  
Galveston, Texas 77553



February 6, 1992



Dave Gibbons, Director  
Oil Spill Public Information Center  
645 G Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Gibbons:

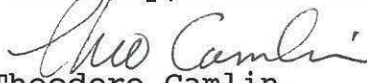
I would like to express my appreciation in being included on your mailing list. The Oil Spill Public Information Center (OSPIC) has provided excellent information to me and my staff in a very timely manner.

It is my understanding that the trustees are no longer interested in preserving OSPIC. As far as I am aware, OSPIC is the only present repository of oil spill information in the United States. This type of service deserves special attention because of the risk to the environment when an oil spill occurs. Oil spill information needs to be easily accessible so that the public, industry, government agencies and potentially affected parties can have quick access to current literature.

There is ongoing research in the area of oil spill and related topics, and this information is published in a large variety of periodicals and papers. The OSPIC has provided a clearing house, central focus if you will, of these topics. It would be a loss if the library were unable to continue providing this service.

Please contact me at (409) 740-4490 if I may be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

  
Theodore Camlin,  
Program Coordinator

DATE

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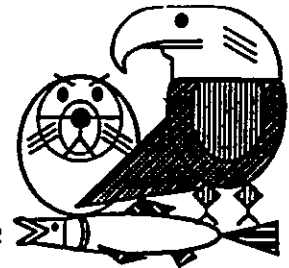
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April 2, 1992

Theodore Camlin  
Texas Engineering Extension Service  
Texas A&M  
P.O. Box 1675  
Galveston, TX 77553

Dear Mr. Camlin:

Thank you for your suggestions regarding the Oil Spill Public Information Center. In meetings during March the Trustee Council approved funding for OSPIC as a collection of reference materials specific to the Exxon Valdez oil spill. You may continue to rely on Mary McGee, Director of Information Services and Carrie Holba, Public Services Librarian to assist you in obtaining information relating to the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

We very much appreciate your comments 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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Dave Gibbons, PhD  
Interim Administrative Director

cc: Trustee Council

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# National Parks and Conservation Association

PO Box 202045  
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February 26, 1992

PRINCE VALDEZ OIL SPILL  
TRUSTEE COUNCIL  
ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD

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

Re: Public Meeting, February 27, 1992

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 again expresses our concerns about the Trustee Council's operations and about how projects to be funded will be chosen. NPCA was pleased to learn that an agenda is available prior to this meeting and that a specific time is listed for public comment. Since comment will be taken also by teleconference, it would be helpful if the agenda listed the order in which testimony will be taken.

For the public to offer meaningful comments, sufficient information and an understanding of the overall planning process must be available prior to offering comments. The information available prior to this meeting did not include a list of proposed projects. Discussions with various federal and state agency personnel have revealed some confusion about what projects remain on "the list". How can the Public Advisory Group offer comments on the proposed projects?

The public clearly needs oil spill related information for review and comment. NPCA asks that no decisions be made at this meeting. NPCA asks that the Council provide the criteria and background information being used to make decisions. NPCA asks that the Council then set a date for making this decision so the public can offer meaningful comments.



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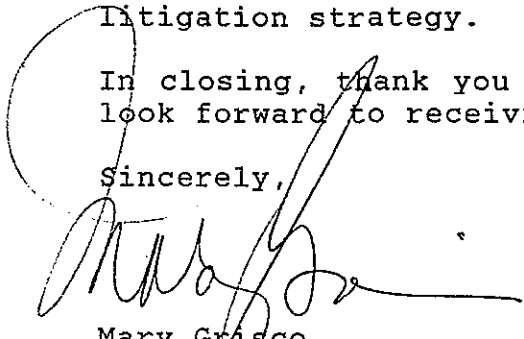
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From discussions, it seems there is an emphasis on State agency projects, particularly fish. Killer whales, sea otters and eagles are no longer being considered. NPCA has submitted written and oral testimony regarding the need to include cultural resources. All known archeological sites that were oiled are on lands managed by the National Park Service. How is the Council balancing the various federal and state agencies' management authorities with an overall approach of making the oil-impacted areas "whole"?

NPCA is concerned about unseen and extra-ordinary pressures on Trustee Council members. NPCA would like to know what criteria is used for membership on the Lands and other committees. Governor Hickel's State of the State address made clear his intentions to sue the federal government over several state's rights issues. NPCA would like to know what ground rules have been agreed upon to keep this Council from becoming embroiled in the Governor's litigation strategy.

In closing, thank you again for this opportunity to comment. I look forward to receiving answers to our concerns.

Sincerely,



Mary Grisco  
Alaska Regional Director

DATE

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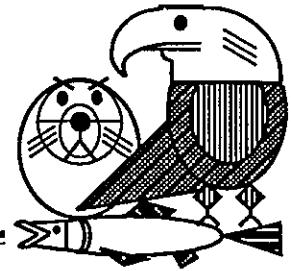
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April 7, 1992

Mary Grisco  
Alaska Regional Director  
National Parks and Conservation Association  
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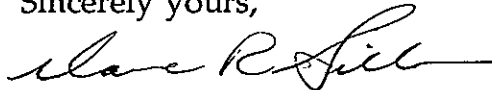
Thank you for your comments regarding Trustee Council meetings and the process of making decisions about restoration projects you believe are most important for the Trustee Council to implement following the Exxon Valdez oil spill. In response to some of your specific concerns:

- Information about Trustee Council meeting topics, including agendas, is now available before all meetings. This information is also sent to all teleconference sites via telefax;
- The criteria to be used to evaluate restoration proposals was presented to the public at the February 5 & 6 Trustee Council meetings. You may obtain a copy of the meeting transcript, including handout materials which were distributed at the meeting, by contacting the Oil Spill Public Information Center at 278-8008;
- The Draft 1992 Workplan, which will be released to the public before the end of April, describes all activities proposed for 1992, including a cultural resources program; and
- All Trustee Council decisions must be made unanimously, as stipulated in the Court settlement agreement, so neither the State nor Federal governments can prejudice the direction of policy.

Your comments and suggestions, along with those received from other members of the public, will be carefully considered as the Trustee Council 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

HABITAT ACQUISITION - AGAINST

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Box 144

Cordova, Alaska 99574

February 18, 1992

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Dave Gibbons  
Interior Administrative Director  
709 W. Ninth St. Room 225  
Juneau, Alaska 99802-1628

Dear Mr. Gibbons,

I am a logger living & working in the Cordova Area of Prince William Sound. I have recently learned there may be a 3 year moratorium on logging & a possible buyout of timber rights using monies awarded the state due to the Exxon Valdez oil spill settlement. Using these funds in this manner is the state buying my job. I accepted employment with Whitestone understanding I'd have 12 yrs employment in the area. The loss of the opportunity to work would be disastrous to me.

I ask that if a decision is made to buy back timber rights you take into consideration compensation to loggers for loss of work, relocation and

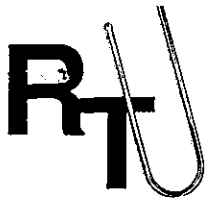


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Thank you for your consideration  
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back to work soon.

Thank you.

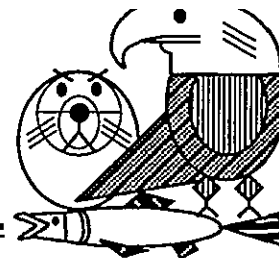
Sincerely,  
Curtis L. Buehler



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April 23, 1992

Curtis L. Buehrle  
Box 144  
Cordova, AK 99574

Dear Mr. Buehrle:

Thank you for your letter regarding concerns about the impacts a timber harvesting logging moratoria as part of restoration programs following the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill might have on logging related jobs. 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.

The Restoration Team, at the direction of the Trustee Council, is developing a process for analyzing habitat protection proposals taking into consideration specific criteria and objectives which must be taken into account. I assure you we will fully consider all ramifications before taking any action.

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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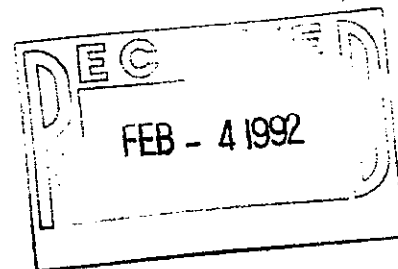
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PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND LOGGERS UNITED



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Mr. Curt Mcvey  
Special Assistant to the Secretary  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
Office of the Secretary  
1689 C St., Suite 100  
Anchorage, AK. 99501-5151

Dear Mr. Mcvey,

I am a logger working and living in the Cordova area of Prince William Sound. I have recently learned that there may be a three year moratorium on logging and a possible buy back of timber rights from Shearstone Corporation, a logging company. Funding for this buy-back, I understand, would come from the EXXON VALDEZ SETTLEMENT, which was awarded to the State of Alaska to be used for restoration projects, within the State of Alaska, relating to the "Exxon Valdez" oil spill.

I support myself, and family, as a logger. The State of Alaska using funds to buy back timber is, in my opinion, the State of Alaska buying my job. I accepted a job with Whitestone Logging with the understanding that I would have twelve years of logging in this area. That would mean for the remaining nine years I would be logging in the Cordova area. A loss of the opportunity to work those nine years would cause economic disaster for my family and I.

The timber companies, Shearstone and Whitestone, in my opinion would come out of a buy back in good financial order.

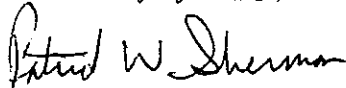
I ask that if you make a decision to buy back timber in this area, that you not only consider the financial welfare of the timber companies, but that you also take into extreme consideration the financial welfare of the people who would be hardest hit by a timber buy back: the logger and his family.

I think that if you decide to buy back timber rights, that you should not only appropriate monies to the timber companies, but that you should include a guarantee that a fair amount of

these monies should be set aside for the logging companies employees and their families. Consideration should be given for the loss of wages we will incur over the nine year period left, and the possibility that some families may need to relocate, and retraining.

I was born and raised in Cordova, living here now for 27 years. My family has lived in Cordova for over 50 years (my father came to Cordova in 1936). I worked in the fishing industry until 1990. I quit fishing because of being able to be in logging in the Cordova area for the next ten years. I have a wife and two year old son to support. I just don't understand the reason of using the Exxon settlement to buy out my job and not giving us loggers anything to live on.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patrick W. Sherman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the "Sincerely yours," line.

Patrick W. Sherman

Recd 2/21/92

**STATEMENT BEFORE TRUSTEE COUNCIL - FEBRUARY 5, 1992**

The Prince William Sound Loggers United is an association of individuals who have been employed to perform logging work on timber owned or controlled by Eyak Timber, Eyak Village Corp., and/or Shearstone, a joint enterprise of Whitestone and reside in the Cordova area.

We are the people whose Alaskan jobs and security will be eliminated by any purchase or inverse condemnation by the Trustee Council of all or most timber rights in the Prince William Sound area. We are the people who were promised approximately ten years of logging employment in the area. Some of us were induced by the expectancy of such job security to relocate to southcentral Alaska from other states and areas. Along with that comes the responsibility of signing rental agreements, the purchase of homes, vehicles to work, enrolling our children in schools, day-care centers, etc. Basically being productive citizens in our community.


While we acknowledge that there may exist public support for the acquisition of land and/or timber in the Prince William Sound area to preserve the standing forest in the public interest, including such purposes as recreation, aesthetics, and fish and wildlife protection, we implore the Council to include the sacrifice of our jobs in any plan for acquisitions which result in the termination of planned logging activity.

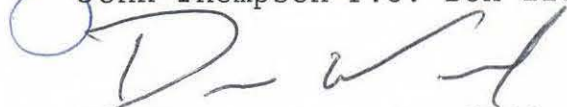
The people of Alaska and of this Council should remember that more than the resource owners must be compensated, the rights of the loggers being eliminated in this acquisition must also be compensated. More than the value of the timber will be taken. So also will be taken is our ability to partake in a productive manner in our community.

It is our belief and that of our legal counsel, that the Trustee Council and our employers have not only a legal, but a moral obligation to include us in any transaction which directly or indirectly purchases our jobs, thereby extinguishing them, along with the purchase of trees in the Prince William Sound area. We ask only that our property interest in our employment relationships be given the same respect and legal protection as the property interests of Shearstone, Whitestone, and Eyak in the forests of Prince William Sound.

If the preservation of such forests and the resulting loss of our employment is in the public interest, so be it, but include us in this plan and help us to survive. Make us your allies and not your adversaries in what must be done to benefit the Prince William Sound.

Prince William Sound  
Loggers United

  
John Thompson P.O. Box 2216 Cordova, AK  
99574

  
Dan Wood P.O. Box 1364 Cordova, AK.  
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PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND LOGGERS UNITED

P.O. Box 789  
Cordova, AK 99574-0789  
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COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

Mr. John Sandor  
Commissioner  
Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation  
410 Willoughby Ave., Suite 105  
Juneau, AK 99802-2556

Dear Mr. Sandor,

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I support myself, and family, as a logger. The State of Alaska using funds to buy back timber is, in my opinion, the State of Alaska buying my job. I accepted a job with Whitestone Logging with the understanding that I would have twelve years of logging in this area. That would mean for the remaining nine years I would be logging in the Cordova area. A loss of the opportunity to work those nine years would cause economic disaster for my family and I.

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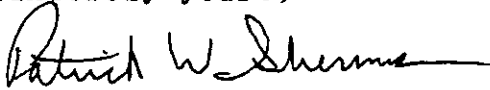
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Sincerely yours,

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Patrick W. Sherman

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P.O. Box 789  
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February 2, 1992

Mr. Steve Tennoyer  
Director, U.S. Department of Commerce  
N.O.A.A.  
P.O. Box 21668  
Juneau, AK. 99802-1668

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REGIONAL FORESTER  
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Mr. Mike Burton  
Regional Forester, USDA  
Forest Service  
P.O. Box 21628  
Juneau, AK 99802

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Office of the  
General Counsel  
JUNEAU, ALASKA

Dear Mr. Burton,

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Patrick W. Sherman

# STATE OF ALASKA

## DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

### OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

WALTER J. HICKEL, GOVERNOR

P.O. BOX 3-2000  
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99802-2000  
PHONE: (907) 465-4100

March 6, 1992

Mr. Patrick W. Sherman  
P.O. Box 789  
Cordova, AK 99574-0789

Dear Mr. Sherman:

I have received your letter expressing your concerns on timber buy backs and logging moratoriums in the Prince William Sound area.

It is not the intent of the state/federal Trustee Council members to inadvertently put citizens of the State of Alaska out of work.

No actions or decisions have been made regarding lands or timber other than to form a habitat/land use working group under the Restoration Team.

I have heard concerns similar to yours expressed during our public meetings. I believe the process that will be set up by the habitat/land use working groups will incorporate the needed protection of the damaged resources while providing the continued livelihood and economic viability to communities that depend on these resources. I urge you to stay in touch with the Oil Spill Information Center and Public Participation Group so your views will be represented on these land issues. I am also providing your letter to Mr. David Gibbons, Acting Executive Director, state/federal Trustee Council, 645-G Street Suite 402, Anchorage, Alaska, 99501.

Thank you again for sharing your concerns.

Sincerely,



Charles P. Meacham  
Deputy Commissioner

cc: David Gibbons

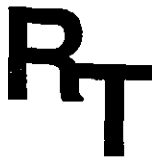
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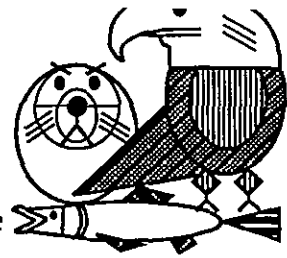
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Juneau, AK 99802







Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Restoration Team  
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April 24, 1992

Patrick W. Sherman  
Prince William Sound Loggers United  
P.O. Box 780  
Cordova, AK 99574-0789

Dear Mr. Sherman:

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Sincerely yours,

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Dave Gibbons, PhD  
Interim Administrative Director

cc: Trustee Council

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Commissioner John A. Sandor  
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Dear Commissioner Sandor,

House Bill 411, and specifically the acquisition of land and/or timber, is an inappropriate use of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill settlement funds.

The attempt to acquire "upland forest habitat areas" as promoted by various special interest preservation groups is not based on scientific rationale to provide for restoration or enhancement of the affected resources within the Prince William Sound - Gulf of Alaska area. However, this is yet another blatant attempt on their part to halt natural resource development, in this case timber harvest. Feeding on the emotionalism of the oil spill, these preservationists are taking this opportunity to promulgate further misconception, false information and accusations directed against the forest products industry.

Representation have been made that logging, road construction, and its related activities will "compound the impacts of the oil spill". Accusations that "clearcut logging and road building create soil erosion, muddying streams and suffocating life in the streams and on the ocean floor" are simply unwarranted. This has not been the experience in southeast Alaska and simply is not the case in the southcentral Alaska region. The forest products industry within the Prince William Sound - Gulf of Alaska region, as well as throughout Alaska, coordinates all timber harvest operations with various State and Federal regulatory agencies. The Dept. of Natural Resources, Dept. of Environmental Coordination and Dept. of Fish & Game take very active participation in timber harvest operations.

Protection of forest habitat adjacent to salmon streams is essential and in this regard the forest products industry concurs with the fisheries industry that. The recently revised State of Alaska Forest Practices Act and Regulations establishes a mandatory 66 foot streamside buffer requirement on each side of all Class A anadromous fish streams. Based on scientific research, a buffer of this size was determined by the State of Alaska to be sufficient to adequately protect water quality and fish habitat concerns by providing shading to maintain in-stream temperatures and a long term source of "large woody debris" necessary for salmon spawning and rearing habitat. This buffer also creates an untouched area to provide natural filtration should short term erosion occur following timber harvest. Although this is a "taking" of private property, the forest products industry and private landowners supported the establishment of this streamside buffer and is an example of the of the industry's belief in responsible environmentally sound management of a renewable resource. Additionally, although not required to do so, a common industry practice in coastal regions is to establish shoreline buffer



required to do so, a common industry practice in coastal regions is to establish shoreline buffer zones for maintenance of wildlife habitat areas for such animals as brown and black bears, deer, otter, mink, bald eagles and the marbled murrelet. This shoreline buffer also aides to minimize any short term visual effects of timber harvest.

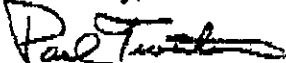
The adverse impacts to wildlife as a result of the oil spill have occurred in their use of the intertidal areas while foraging for food. This has been documented by studies indicating elevated oil levels in the tissue and fecal samples of brown bear and deer. Preserving upland forest habitat will provide neither a short term, nor long term enhancement to the life cycles of the wildlife in the affected areas. Specifically, timber acquisition will not contribute significantly to the recovery of those species severely damaged by the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill. Commercial fishing harvest levels, as documented in southeast Alaska, are not adversely affected by responsible timber harvest operations. The acquisition of forest areas, for the primary purpose of stopping timber harvest, will not protect or enhance the fisheries of this region.

HB 411 has been touted by some as "a chance to solve statewide conservation area protection issues." With the vast acreages of Alaska already set aside for this purpose, including areas within the Prince William Sound - Gulf of Alaska region, the State and Federal governments have previously established their credibility in the area of resource retention/protection.

Communities within the areas impacted by the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill will not receive an increased benefit from the acquisition of the timber over that which is received from the harvest of this renewable resource. Logging camps within this area range in size from 35 to over 80 people. I know of no guiding, recreation or tourism operation which provides as substantial economic benefit to the Prince William Sound - Gulf of Alaska region as the forest products industry. Additionally, the existence of a viable forest products industry is not at the expense or exclusion of the tourism industry. In fact, forest management activities, including timber harvest, provide opportunity for diversified recreational opportunities currently not available to the general public.

Habitat acquisition is not what the general public wants, Economic diversification and employment within the State of Alaska is what the public wants. As oil revenues continue to decline and industry lay-offs occur, the State of Alaska must look to and support development of other resource industries to maintain a healthy local economy. Use of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Settlement Funds should not be used to prohibit economic growth of this State. At one time there was a bumper sticker which, in effect, stated: Please Lord give us one more Prudhoe Bay and we will promise not to piss it away. Let's use the Settlement Funds for what it was intended for, that being true enhancement and/or restoration of the fisheries and wildlife seriously affected by the spill. This is what is right for the resources and the residents of the State of Alaska.

Sincerely,



Paul Twelten  
Anchorage, Alaska

2751 West Wind Circle  
Anchorage, AK 99516

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Hi LJ,

This letter fell through the crack.

If you can do a response quickly  
I would appreciate it. If you have  
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that would probably work. If not, please do  
a letter for my signature. Thanks

Mark

April 14, 1992

Commissioner John A. Sandor  
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Juneau, AK 99811-1800

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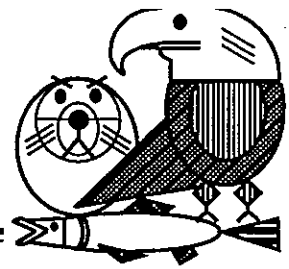
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DEPARTMENT OF  
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# Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council

645 G Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99501  
Phone: (907) 278-8012 Fax: (907) 276-7178

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June 16, 1992

Paul Tweiten  
2751 West Wind Circle  
Anchorage, AK 99516

Dear Mr. Tweiten:

Your letter to Commissioner John A Sandor was referred to me. Thank you for your comments regarding the restoration projects you believe are most important for the Trustee Council to implement 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 makes decisions about the overall restoration program.

The Restoration Team, at the direction of the Trustee Council, is developing a process for analyzing habitat protection proposals taking into consideration specific criteria and objectives. I assure you we will fully consider all ramifications, such as the effect of a timber harvesting moratorium on the timber products industry and logging related employment, before taking any action.

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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ANCHORAGE TRUSTEE COUNCIL  
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Faith M. Maelle

541 G Street

Anchorage, AK 99501

Trustee Council  
c/o Dave Gibbons  
645 G Street  
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Sir:

As I will not be able to attend the meetings scheduled in the Anchorage area due to teaching commitments I would like to voice my opinion.

① I believe that the public advisory group should represent the diverse interests equally, the interests being local + statewide environmental organizations, educational organizations, non-commercial recreation, sport fishing / commercial fishing / subsistence fishing + any educational type of tour (guided). ② The meetings should be held on a regular basis to keep the public informed. ③ The majority of the monies should go toward protecting the forests and its habitats; this may include the purchasing of land + any development rights. ④ The Public Advisory Group must not be appointed by government officials but rather be selected by the interest groups that they represent. ⑤ The Public Advisory Group should have separate groups for each area affected - i.e. Prince Wm. Sound, Kodiak, etc.

I think that since the major damage was done to Alaska's wildlife, fish and recreational sites that these areas must receive the majority of monies. After all, how much value is in a school of fish, hundreds of miles of previously pristine beaches or even a raft of otters? I think that collectively their value is incalculable.

Thank you for listening to my comments.

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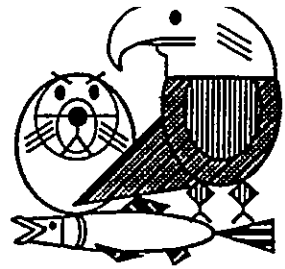
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February 21, 1992

Faith M. Moeller  
1521 G Street  
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Ms. Moeller:

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. 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,

Dave Gibbons, PhD  
Interim Administrative Director

cc: Trustee Council



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5951 Alpine Woods Drive  
Anchorage, Alaska 99516  
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EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL  
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Dear Mr. Gibbons:

Have you ever received a gift of cash at Christmas or your birthday, and instead of buying something special for yourself that you had been wanting, you let that money get mixed in with the grocery money. Pretty soon, you realize that you don't really know how you spent that money because you have nothing to remember that special occasion with.


The same can happen with oil spill settlement money. We can let it get mixed in with the "grocery money" by spending it on expensive studies, ineffective additional clean up, and padding the administrative budgets of government agencies. Or we can spend it on something that we and future generations all can see.

I believe that most of the money received for restoration should be spent acquiring development rights and purchasing land to protect wildlife and fish habitat from further damage. Money spent in this manner will be money we can see. The economic, cultural, and environmental benefits will last much longer than studies buried in drawers in government agencies. Saving areas scheduled for logging will have a more lasting and cost effective benefit to the ecosystem than spending money on trying to get the last little bit of oil off the beaches.

I ask that you ensure that representatives of environmental and wildlife groups such as the National Audubon Society, Nature Conservancy, Sierra Club, Alaska Center for the Environment, etc. have seats on your Public Advisory Group. I think there should be some seats for the public-at-large, selected from persons who apply for the positions.

I will be unable to attend your public meeting on February 13 in Anchorage and I ask that this letter be part of the public record of that meeting.

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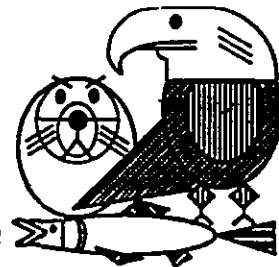
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April 2, 1992

Joyce E. Lanier  
5951 Alpine Woods Drive  
Anchorage, AK 99516

Dear Ms. Lanier:

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 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 the overall restoration program.

We very much appreciate your ideas and concerns. As you requested, your letter will be included as part of the public record for the February 13 Public Participation meeting in Anchorage. 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

P.O. Box 2994  
Homer, AK 99603  
February 10, 1992

Trustee Council  
c/o Dave Gibbons  
645 G St.  
Anchorage, AK 99501

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Dear Mr. Gibbons:

I strongly believe that the Trustee budget for the Exxon Valdez Spill Settlement money should dedicate the bulk of the money, at least up to 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. Furthermore, these funds should be spent first to protect lands such as Kachemak Bay State Park that could be lost to development if immediate action is not taken. Using it to repay government expenses or to fund research projects should be the least priority.

I am also interested in seeing that full public involvement in how these monies are spent is assured. Public Advisory Group members should be selected by the groups they represent rather than be appointed by government officials. A fair and balanced representation of interest groups should be established by allowing interest groups to vote for their own representatives. I would like to see representatives from the following groups: local environmental, national environmental, tourism, regional and village native corporations, local spill-impacted community governments, sport hunting and fishing, subsistence hunting and fishing, commercial recreation, and private recreation. At least two members of the Public Advisory Group should be appointed by the Advisory Group to be seated on the Trustee Council.

Regular public meetings must be held on draft restoration plans and proposed budgets. Meetings should be in Anchorage and in affected communities within the spill impacted area. The Alaska statutes governing open meetings should govern all meetings of both the Trustees Council and the Public Advisory Group. The Public Advisory Group should be allowed to hire a staff, and funds should be available to pay members for their expenses.

Within spill-affected communities, the Public Advisory Group should be encouraged or even required to work with local groups. The recommendations of the Public Advisory Committee should carry great weight with the Trustees Council. If the Trustees decide contrary to the Public Advisory Committee recommendations, they should be required to justify to the public with "written finding of fact". This will assure public accountability.

Thank you.

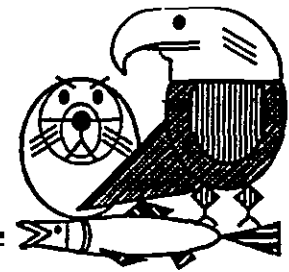
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April 2, 1992

Edgar Bailey  
P.O. Box 2994  
Homer, AK 99603

Dear Mr. Bailey:

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Sincerely yours,

Dave Gibbons, PhD  
Interim Administrative Director

cc: Trustee Council

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To the Trustee Council

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These are comments on the Cui Settlement.

The public advisory committee should be independent and be able to count on reliable funding (anette) the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council). There should be subcommittees composed of regional people not necessarily on the committee.

The Trustees must be able to justify its actions to the Public Advisory Group. Have a mechanism to do this.

There should be a couple non voting members from the public on the Trustees Council.

The general public still needs to be involved by regular public meetings.

Over 75% of settlement should be used to purchase development rights and/or land in places in the coastal areas that have valuable habitat and are proposed to be logged.

Becky Long, Coordinator

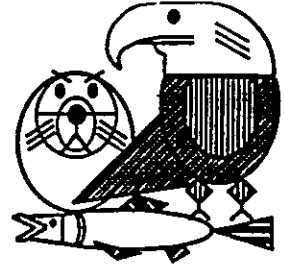
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**Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Restoration Team**  
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April 2, 1992

Becky Long  
Talkeetna Environmental Center  
Box 320  
Talkeetna, AK 99676

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Theresa Svancara  
Box 240035  
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January 22, 1992

Ernie Piper  
Oil Spill Public Information Center  
645 G Street  
Anchorage, AK 99501

RE: Public Comments on Development of a Public Participation  
Program for Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Restoration Fund.

I have lived in Valdez and spent time in Prince William Sound for 9 years. I personally experienced the tragedy of the spill and thus have a very deep interest in how the restoration money is spent.

First I'd like to support the concept of buying land and timber rights to prevent the large scale clearcutting that has occurred and is planned. The coastal areas and wildlife have suffered enough damage and should be protected from further devastation.

My main concern in the development of a public participation program is to insure the best possible system to allow THE PUBLIC to decide how the money is spent. The following are my specific comments.

\* All meetings dealing with the Restoration Fund should be open to the public.

\* Preliminary decisions by the Trustees should be made public and available for public comment, the public should be given an adequate amount of time to comment, a SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS should be prepared and available to the public before the final decision is made.

\* The timing of public comment periods should be sensitive to sectors of the public whose work restricts their ability to be involved and respond. For example comment periods scheduled in the summer are very difficult for fishermen to respond to.

\* Ideally the public advisory group will represent the broad range of public interests. They will be the spokespeople for the public. Language in the charter should be strong enough to insure the trustees listen to this group. I don't believe State rulemaking policies with language such as "the agency is obligated to consider public comment" is strong enough. Perhaps another decision making model such as a chairman of a board being accountable to his shareholders should be considered. With the trustees all being government officials they are accountable to the Governor and the President. With the current administration



this is not a desirable situation. THE TRUSTEES SHOULD BE ACCOUNTABLE TO THE PUBLIC.

\* Subgroups such as land, science, and finance may be designated among the advisory group. This could help focus attention on specific types of restoration.

\* The public advisory group should have enough of a BUDGET to allow them to be effective. Administrative costs and travel should be covered.

\* The advisory group should have a budget to hire a staffperson of their choosing, not get stuck with a politically appointed staff.

\* The public advisory group should have representation from beyond the spill impacted area. Examples would be tourism or fishermen's group who use the impacted areas but live elsewhere. United Fishermen of Alaska, Alaska Wilderness Tourism Assn., municipalities of Yakutat and Juneau are examples.

Thank you for considering this input.

Sincerely,

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Theresa Svancara

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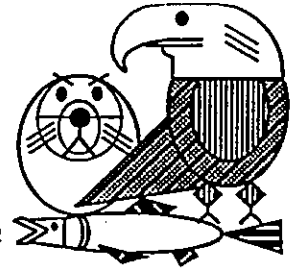
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February 21, 1992

Theresa Svencara  
Box 240035  
Douglas, AK 99824

Dear Ms. Svencara:

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Sincerely yours,

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Dave Gibbons, PhD  
Interim Administrative Director

cc: Trustee Council



## CORDOVA DISTRICT FISHERMEN UNITED

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Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council  
4241 B Street, Suite 304  
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

Dear Sirs:

The Board of Directors for Cordova District Fishermen United recognizes that the acquisition and enhancement of resources should be a high priority use for funds received from the Exxon Valdez oil spill settlement. Therefore, the Board respectfully requests the Trustee Council to elevate resource acquisition and enhancement considerations to a separate sub-group under the Resource Restoration Coordination Group.

It is also the Board's opinion that interaction and communication between the designated restoration sub-groups and the public advisory group needs to be maintained on a regular and on-going basis.

Sincerely,

CORDOVA DISTRICT FISHERMEN UNITED

  
Mary L. McBurney  
Executive Director

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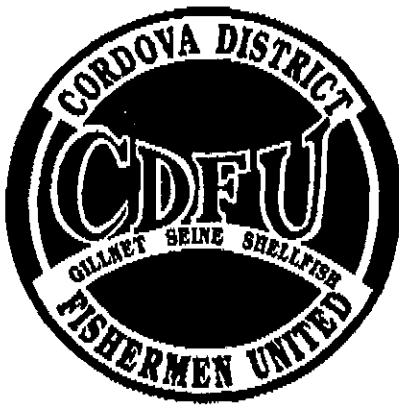
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## **POSITION PAPER**

**January 9, 1992**

### **ENDORISING PURCHASE OF 3-YEAR OPTION OF TIMBER ASSETS**

**TO THE EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL:**

The CDFU Board of Directors has conditionally endorsed the concept of a government purchase of a three-year option on timber assets held by Sherstone, Inc. It is the opinion of the Board that purchase of a three-year option would provide time for both the Trustees and Sherstone, Inc. to explore the feasibility of a timber buy-back program and develop an agreement to acquire Sherstone's timber rights.

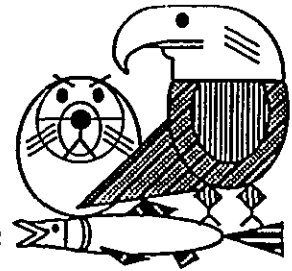
CDFU supports the general concept of purchasing Sherstone's timber rights, however, the Board requests that the following issues also be considered by the Trustees in negotiating a timber buy-back agreement:

- \* Evaluate and compare the benefits of purchasing all of Sherstone's timber rights with purchasing particularly sensitive habitat and scenic areas such as around anadromous streams and watersheds.

- \* Insure that existing commercial fisheries are not jeopardized by new land use designations resulting from a timber buy-back.



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February 21, 1992

Mary L. McBurney  
Cordova District Fishermen United  
P.O. Box 939  
Cordova, AK 99574

Dear Ms. McBurney:

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Sincerely yours,

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Dave Gibbons, PhD  
Interim Administrative Director

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Trustee Council  
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EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL  
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Dear Sir:

I will be out of state on February 13<sup>th</sup> when the Trustee Council comes to Anchorage. This letter is being written to let you know my feelings about the spending of the millions of Exxon oil spill dollars.

- ① I would like most of the money to go to the purchase of private lands within the parks, forests and refuges around Prince William Sound and the Gulf of Alaska.
- ② Also, the Public Advisory Group must not be selected by the Government.

Thank You.

Sincerely,  
S. Aarsund

MR. S. AARSUND  
4856 BRYN MAWR CT. #3,  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA  
99508



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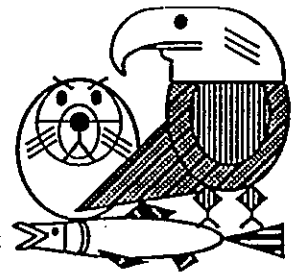
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February 21, 1992

S. Aarsund  
4856 Bryn Mawr Ct. #3  
Anchorage, AK 99508

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