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Re: Draft 1994 Work Plan

Members of the EVOS Trustee Council:

DRAFT 1994 WORK PLAN
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As a resident of Cordova, corporate planner for Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation, regional planner for salmon enhancement as staff to the Prince William Sound/Copper River Regional Planning Team, oceanographer, and facilitator of the **Fisheries Ecosystem Research Planning Group** and the Sound Ecosystem Assessment (SEA) program and proposal, I ask for your attention to my request.

PWS is suffering, biologically, socially and economically. Since the Exxon Valdez oil spill, I have seen deterioration of the ecosystem, erosion of the social fabric in PWS which is build upon the natural resources of the region, and depletion of capital and revenue due to failing fisheries.

There are many, and perhaps valid, alternatives to rehabilitating, enhancing and replacing resources in PWS and other damaged areas related to EVOS. But in all good conscience, upon the high ground of moral fortitude and ethical justification, based upon objective evidence, statistical correlation and simple need, I request you attend to proposal 94421 (Common Property Salmon Stock Restoration) and the SEA research proposal.

With supportive decisions to fund these two proposals you will do more to investigate the problem, enlighten us all to solutions, provide replacements to lost services, involve the public in decision making and solution finding, and rectify past failings of Council than you may presently deem possible. Aspire as you will, but you will find a solution here far transcending decisions founded on political negotiation and money brokering. There is truth which you will see when cleared of the political and money fog.

We are all human. In your capacity, exercise this humanness and bring to light the true benefit and purpose for which the Trustee Council was formulated. There is a great human need here to progress into the future with a healthy ecosystem and a healed social and economic framework for PWS.

By this letter, I will ask you only once. Please support these proposals.

Sincerely,


Howard Ferren



Cordova District Fishermen United

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Dear Sirs:

CDFU is very encouraged by the Council's emphasis on taking an ecosystem approach to restoring resources and services damaged by the Exxon Valdez oil spill. The adoption of the Draft Restoration Plan represents a significant step forward in the restoration process by defining the guiding principles for restoration planning and development of the annual work plans.

CDFU fully supports the development and implementation of an ecosystem-based research plan to address research needs in the spill-impacted marine environment. We encourage the Trustee Council to give Project 94320, Ecosystem Study Plan, top priority and full funding. This plan, also known as the Sound Ecosystem Assessment (SEA), was developed by a coalition of local scientists and members of the community to fill a primary need in the restoration planning process: an ecosystem-based research plan for Prince William Sound.

In December of last year, the SEA plan was peer reviewed during a workshop held in Cordova by a number of leading scientists. The SEA plan was given a strong endorsement by the scientists assembled who praised the plan as an innovative and practical approach to assessing the health of the Prince William Sound (PWS) marine ecosystem. In addition, the plan was recognized as a methodology which can be adapted for conducting ecosystem research throughout the spill-impacted area.

While the design of an overall ecosystem-based research paradigm is still evolving, the SEA plan will support a multi-disciplinary study to begin examining the physical and biological interactions which affect PWS pink salmon and herring production. Implementation of the SEA plan will provide a model on which to base successive research and monitoring efforts throughout the spill-impacted area. This project is not an end in itself, but an important means for understanding the marine environment and identifying restoration needs.

In reviewing the 1994 Draft Work Plan, there are a number of projects related to fisheries resources which dovetail with the objectives of the Sound Ecosystem Assessment (SEA). The following projects address issues concerning PWS pink salmon and herring populations that would complement the SEA plan proposal. CDFU recommends that these projects be funded:

- 94163: Forage Fish Influence on Recovery of Injured Species
- 94165: Herring Genetic Stock Identification in PWS
- 94184: Coded Wire Tag Recoveries from Pink Salmon in PWS
- 94185: Coded Wire Tagging of Wild Pink Salmon for Stock Identification
in Prince William Sound
- 94187: Otolith Marking - In Season Stock Separation
- 94189: Pink Salmon Stock Genetics in PWS
- 94191: Oil Related Egg and Alevin Mortalities

In addition to the SEA plan, CDFU also encourages the Council to give Project 94421, Common Property Salmon Restoration, top priority. Since 1989, PWS has experienced a series of atypical pink salmon returns which have compounded the social and economic impacts of the Exxon Valdez oil spill. CDFU appreciates the Council's recognition of commercial fisheries as a service damaged by the oil spill and the Council's expressed concern for declining pink salmon and herring fisheries in PWS.

For nearly twenty years, the PWSAC hatchery program has been the backbone of the pink salmon fishery in PWS, which until recently was one of the most valuable contributors to the regional economy. The current hatchery programs operated by PWSAC, the Valdez Fishery Development Association and the Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association are essential restoration tools to address the needs of commercial, sport and subsistence fisheries services damaged by the Exxon Valdez oil spill. These hatchery programs are critical to promoting recovery of populations of pink salmon, a species identified as "not recovering" in the Draft Restoration Plan.

Since the 1989 oil spill, PWSAC has exhausted its reserve funds and is now faced with the crisis of not having the resources to operate beyond June, 1994. Losing the economic benefits of the PWSAC hatchery program could easily be the final blow to the PWS fishing industry and to communities, like Cordova, which have local economies based on commercial fishing. CDFU urges the Trustee Council to approve funding of this proposal as a one-time, good faith effort to assist the people and communities which rely on healthy pink salmon fisheries.

The 1994 Draft Work Plan includes a number of additional fisheries related proposals for PWS, however CDFU does not feel that they deserve the priority of Projects 94320 (Ecosystem Study Plan) and 94421 (Common Property Salmon Stock Restoration). These projects merit consideration, but are of lower priority:

- 94137: Stock ID of Chum, Sockeye, Chinook and Coho in PWS
- 94139: Salmon Instream Habitat and Stock Restoration
- 94192: Evaluation of Hatchery Straying on Wild Pinks in PWS
- 94241: Rockfish Management Plan Data Development
- 94259: Coghill Lake Sockeye Salmon Restoration
- 94280: Spot Shrimp Survey and Juvenile Shrimp Habitat ID
- 94505: Habitat Protection Information for Anadromous Streams
and Marbled Murrelets
- 94505A: Stream Habitat Assessment
- 94505C: Stream Channel Typing

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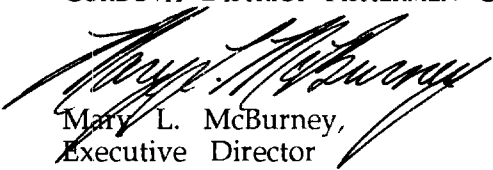
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Finally, CDFU thanks the Trustee Council for pre-approving Project 94166, Herring Spawn Deposition and Reproductive Impairment. Initially, this was one of our highest priority projects due to the mounting evidence that herring populations in PWS are impaired and not recovering. We appreciate the Council's commitment to addressing the herring problem and encourage your support for the SEA plan which uses herring as a pathway for assessing the health of the PWS marine ecosystem.

CDFU appreciates the opportunity to comment on the 1994 Draft Work Plan and will be actively participating in future phases of the restoration planning process.

Sincerely,
CORDOVA DISTRICT FISHERMEN UNITED



Mary L. McBurney,
Executive Director

cc: Jim Ayers, Executive Director EVOS Trustee Council
Senator Georgianna Lincoln
Representative Harley Olberg
City of Cordova



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**COMMENT SHEET
EXXON VALDEZ RESTORATION
1994 DRAFT WORK PLAN**

You are invited to share your ideas and comments on the Draft 1994 Work Plan. You may use this tear sheet to present your views. If needed, use the space on the back or attach additional sheets. Please fold, staple, and add a postage stamp. Thank you for your interest and participation. **Comments must be postmarked by January 14, 1994.**

Jan 14, 1994
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I strongly support a marine research & rehabilitation facility in Seward. There is already the Marine Institute of the University of Alaska located in Seward. With no other major facility closer than California it seems logical that an already existing center would be added to.

There were more than 125,000 people who went to Exit Glacier in 1993. 60,000 signed in at National Park Service Kenai Fjords Center in Seward. All these people - or many of them - are potential visitors to a proposed research center such as planned by The Alaska Seafife Center, thus solving future costs of administering the facility.

Many Alaska students would have an incentive to go in to science, to work to preserve our oceans and our land. Rather than look to a future of working in bars and restaurants there would be an interest in continuing education for more rewarding futures.

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I have lived in Alaska all my life -

When I was a kid I fished for Dillies -
a bounty of 1¢ a Tail gave me spending money.
We camped on the wonderful beaches near

Additional Comments:

Seward, before the days of sleeping bags, plastic or
polarfleece. My son skinned seals one summer
when he was 17 for a bounty hunter. There was
a bounty on eagles. The game was endless. The
oceans clear and unpolluted. I did not under-
stand that the world is interdependent but I
do now. I hope Alaska kids have a chance to
learn this in early life when perhaps there will be
a research center in Seward.

Sincerely,

Patricia Ray Williams

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Return Address:

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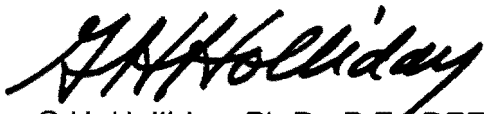
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Very truly yours,


G.H. Holliday, Ph.D., P.E., DEE
President

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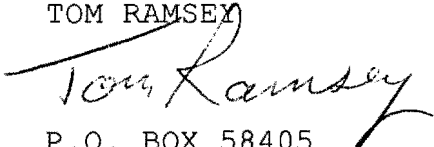
THIS LETTER IS IN SUPPORT OF MAXIMUM FUNDING OF PROJECT NUMBER
94421.

I AM DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE CATASTROPHIC DECLINE IN SALMON
RETURNS SINCE THE EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL.

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT TO THE PWSAC IS ESSENTIAL TO THE RESTORATION
OF THE PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND SALMON FISHERIES.

SINCERELY,

TOM RAMSEY



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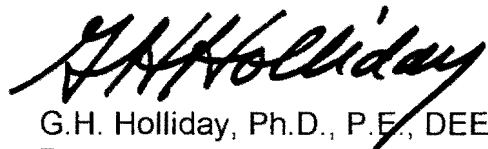
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The following comments are offered on specific projects proposed in the 1994 Draft Work Plan.

Project 94043

I feel that Cutthroat Trout and Dolly Varden restoration should not be viewed or listed under "other recreation projects." Cutthroat Trout were an injured species, and as such deserve restoration consideration in their own right.

Projects 94110 and 94126

EYA 11, the core parcels of Eyak land remain a high priority for acquisition to the town and peoples of Cordova. Although it is understood that negotiations with Eyak Corporation have not been successful, it is hoped that an agreement will ultimately emerge for at least the core lands. Fee simple title is preferred rather than a conservation easement.

Although these parcels are identified as only a moderate priority, they are extremely important to the future of Cordova, both in terms of scenic attributes, and potential sources of water and electricity to the city.

EYA 02, EYA 03, and EYA 01 are properly identified as a high priority parcels, and I favor all opportunities to protect these acres.

Project 94320

Ecosystem management studies in Prince William Sound are favored and desirable, providing that such studies are in fact ecosystem based, and not focused solely on narrow areas of interest. A great deal of interest has been directed at pink salmon and herring (which of course are designated injured species). It is important to not ignore the role that other fish species contribute to the economy and ecosystem of Prince William Sound.

In addition, ecosystem based studies should include all pertinent land ownerships within the sound, not just the marine environment. It is suggested that if this project is funded, a certain portion be earmarked for a comprehensive effort similar to SEA, to identify critical areas in the

terrestrial portions of the PWS ecosystem for addition research and/or study, and linkage to the marine portion of the study. Because the Forest Service is the dominant land manager in the sound, and has extensive research, management, and GIS expertise, either the Chugach National Forest, and/or Pacific Northwest Forest and Range Experiment Station (through the Copper River Delta Institute), should be considered as a lead agency in this effort.

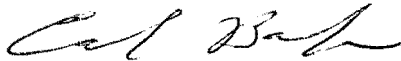
Recreation and Tourism

Several projects are proposed in the arena of recreation and tourism, with varying linkages to the oil spill. In 1994, the U.S. Forest Service will begin operating a Information and Education site at the entrance to Valdez. The focus of the displays and information will be not be oil spill related information. However, some oil spill related information (such as brochures) and a display could be presented on the oil spill and subsequent recovery, and sources of additional information, such as the Alyeska public display area and tours.

Some of the primary questions that the 200,000 visitors to Valdez bring with them has to do with the oil spill and recovery process.

Since the information and education site is already planned, the cost of additional materials would be minor. The linkage with the oil spill would be direct. It is suggested that serious consideration be given to contacting the Forest Service to fund such information at the site.

Thank you for considering these comments.



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Members of the EVOS Trustee Council:

I am writing in support of EVOS Trustee Council funding for **Project Number 94421, Common Property Salmon Stock Restoration**, in the Draft 1994 Work Plan. In particular, I ask for full funding to maintain the existing salmon enhancement and restoration system operated in the Prince William Sound bioregion by the Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation.

Prince William Sound salmon fisheries are distressed. During the ten years prior to 1989, the average annual return of all salmon to the PWS management region was 22 million fish. Total natural and hatchery salmon returns have dwindled to 10.5 million in 1992 and 7.0 in 1993, in response to ecosystem changes that require further investigation. The damaged salmon resources and the lost services provided by those resources have heavily impacted all user groups. Revenues to PWSAC, primarily dependent on sales of returning fish, have fallen far short of what is necessary to maintain its restoration and enhancement efforts.

While the extent of short and long-term damage to the Prince William Sound ecosystem is still being assessed, it is more important than ever to the people of the Sound that the salmon enhancement programs be maintained to both restore and replace these lost resources and services. The economic viability of the entire Prince William Sound region will be devastated if the hatchery system is allowed to fail during this period of distress.

Because of the extent of the economic hardship in the region, it is also appropriate to ask the EVOS Trustee Council funds to repay the PWSAC debt to the State Aquaculture Revolving Loan Fund, in addition to the funding request for 1994.

As a person who has fished the Sound now for twelve years I can attest that there have been many problems and strange occurrences since the 1989 oil spill. I do believe more than one factor is involved, but I strongly feel that the Exxon Oil Spill was a major contributor to the downfall of the ecosystem. Please help the resources and the people of Prince William Sound recover.

Sincerely,



Ron Thomson
Henning Pound and Salmon Drift Fisherman

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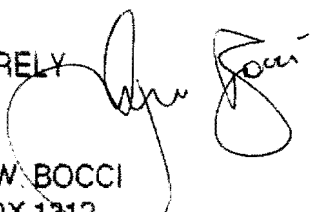
I KNOW YOU HAVE HEARD THIS BEFORE, BUT AT THE RISK OF SOUNDING LIKE A BROKEN RECORD, I'LL SAY IT AGAIN. PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND IS IN BAD SHAPE. THE RESIDENTS OF THIS IMPACTED AREA REQUEST YOUR IMMEDIATE HELP IN THE UPCOMING YEAR.

PLEASE CONSIDER FULL FUNDING FOR PROJECT # 94421, COMMON PROPERTY SALMON STOCK RESTORATION. WITHOUT GOING INTO ALL THE DETAILS OF WHICH YOU ARE ALREADY WELL AWARE, JUST LET ME STATE THAT IT ONLY SEEMS NATURAL TO USE AN INFRASTRUCTURE THAT IS ALREADY IN PLACE. TO DUPLICATE A PROCESS TO COME UP WITH THE SAME END RESULT WOULD PROVE TO BE AN EVEN MORE COSTLY ENDEAVOR THEN WHAT IT IS GOING TO TAKE TO KEEP THE CURRENT PROCESS OPERATIONAL.

PLEASE ALLOW ME TO ADD ONE MORE REQUEST. IT MAY BE A BIT OF A STRETCH, BUT CONSIDERATION OF RETIRING PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND AQUACULTURE CORPORATION'S STATE AQUACULTURE REVOLVING LOAN FUND WOULD ALSO BE A TREMENDOUS BOOST TO THE ECONOMY OF THE REGION. SO MUCH TIME AND ENERGY IS SPENT TRYING TO FIGURE WAYS TO KEEP THIS ORGANIZATION AFLOAT. I CANNOT HELP BUT THINK THAT THOSE RESOURCES CAN BE PUT TO BETTER USE FOCUSING ON THE PROBLEMS OF THE BIOREGION OF PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION OF MY REQUEST, AS WELL AS YOUR TROUBLES OF JUST BEING A TRUSTEE COUNCIL MEMBER. I KNOW IT IS A TREMENDOUS ADDITIONAL BURDEN TO YOUR DAILY LIFE AND YOUR EFFORTS DO NOT GO UNNOTICED.

SINCERELY


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Dear Trustees:

I appreciate this opportunity to comment. As we approach the fifth anniversary of the oil spill, it is discouraging to me that no habitat in Prince William Sound is yet protected from further degradation. \$250 of the 900 million has been spent and, though I have always supported long-term (i.e., 20 years) research on the spill's impacts, the studies conducted, to date, have generally lacked coordination and sometimes been terribly overfunded.

On the positive side, I am encouraged by the recent administrative changes in the Trustee Council's operation. And, I am encouraged by the Trustee Council's support for the Prince William Sound Fisheries Ecosystem Research Planning Group. This coalition group is trying to be inclusive of all interest groups in the region (i.e., government, agencies, fishermen, environmentalists, scientists and the general public). Its focus is to draft long-term research plans that will address some of the unanswered questions we have about the interaction of species in Prince William Sound.

While previous planning efforts have appeared "top-down" and/or agency-driven, this group's planning effort is starting within the community and moving out to the agencies and other communities in the region.

Specific comments I have regarding the draft 94 work plan are:

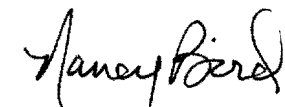
- 1) Project 94092, to monitor the AB pod of killer whales in Prince William Sound, is an example of an overfunded project that could be more efficiently completed by private researchers. \$163,100 is requested by NOAA to do a project that the North Gulf Oceanic Society, a group of private researchers, has been doing continuously since 1982 for less than half that cost. What portion of that \$163,100 is going to NOAA just for administrative overhead?
- 2) Project 94320, to initiate the Sound Ecosystem Assessment (SEA) plan studies, is a step in the right direction toward integrative ecosystem studies involving a variety of private and public agencies. Last August, the Trustee Council set aside \$5 million for ecosystem studies in Prince William Sound. I encourage you to allocate those funds to the SEA project.

- 3) Project 94199, the Alaska Sea Life Center, does not have my support because, in my view, it would spend so much money on buildings and infrastructure that would largely be directed at tourists. While I do not oppose marine mammal aquariums in general, I don't support the construction of one in Alaska. The \$46 million being requested for this facility would be better spent directly on marine mammal research (through the Seward Marine Science Center, The Prince William Sound Science Center, the University of Alaska, the Fishery Industrial Technology Center, the Auke Bay Laboratory, NOAA's Marine Mammal Laboratory and other already existing research entities) and/or the money would be better spent on habitat protection measures for those marine mammals at risk.
- 4) I support Project 94421 to support the common property salmon stock restoration. The fact that salmon returns to most other regions of the state were as predicted contrasts dramatically with the return of both wild and hatchery stocks in Prince William Sound. In general, I do not support operational funding of hatcheries using Exxon Valdez monies but am persuaded that this year it is reasonable to allocate interim funds.

I wish I could say I spent the hours necessary to review all the projects in the draft 94 workplan. But, I haven't, in part, out of laziness probably, but largely because of the stress it causes. I don't like being critical of projects. I want to trust that budgets submitted are not padded with administrative expenses by agencies but cannot be sure and am generally very skeptical.

I still want to see a majority of the Exxon Valdez settlement funds spent on habitat protection and I strongly encourage your support for conservation easements, not just fee simple purchases. I also want to see long-term research funded to ensure that we learn as much as possible from the 1989 disaster.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Bird". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Nancy Bird



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Dear Council Members,

This is a letter of support for the "Leave No Trace Educational Program" component of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Restoration 1994 Work Plan. We feel this is an extremely important project and that it is essential it remains a part of the overall plan.

Education plays a critical role in resource protection. Through the "Leave No Trace" program, thousands of potential users will better understand techniques that will minimize their use and protect sensitive areas from overuse and new use. The educational materials would be appropriate for a wide range of user groups, including spill response organizations. It will help to mitigate the damage done to beaches by the spill and the clean up by teaching appropriate techniques.

Further, we believe that the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) is in a unique position to carry out the program most effectively. NOLS has been an industry leader in this area and we wholeheartedly support their involvement in the project.

Respectfully,

Kirk Hoessle
President

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Dear Sirs,

EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL
TRUSTEE COUNCIL

Please Consider Project 94345,
Salmon Spawning Escapement as an
important and Necessary Tool to
verify aerial Survey information.

This project will provide verification
of aerial Surveys as well as calibration.
in addition to run strengths and
future predictions.

Vote Yes on Mo. 94345

It will be a very important tool
Used to manage our Renewable
Natural Resource.

Sincerely,

Robert B. Moss
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Homer, ALASKA
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EVOS Trustee Council,

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TRUSTEE COUNCIL

My name is Brian Lee & I am a drift gillnet fisherman in Princi William Sound. I have fished in the Sound since 1985. My family and I are entirely supported by income derived from the fisheries in the Sound.

I am writing in support of EVOS Trustee Council Funding # 94421 common property salmon stock restoration, in the draft 1994 work plan. In particular I ask for full funding to maintain existing salmon enhancement and salmon restoration systems operated in PWS by PWSAC.

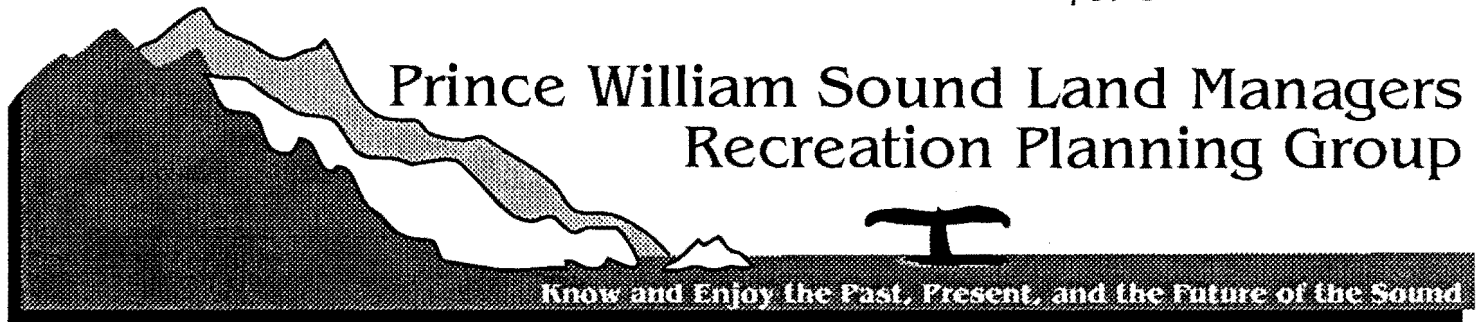
Princi William Sound fisheries are distressed. Average annual returns have fallen for several years. Lost revenues have impacted all user groups.

Because of the economic hardships to the region I feel it's appropriate to ask funds from the EVOS Fund to be directed toward PWS.

Brian Lee
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Sincerely,
Brian Lee

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Prince William Sound Land Managers Recreation Planning Group

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Dear Trustees:

On behalf of the Prince William Sound Land Managers Recreation Planning Group, I am writing to offer general comments on the 1994 Restoration Plan.

We support implementation of projects that are consistent with the Memorandum of Understanding that established our group. From section IV of the MOU, the following goals are pertinent to several projects in the Restoration Plan:

- A. Increase the public awareness and appreciation of the marine-related opportunities associated with the Sound.
- D. Promote the protection, conservation, and understanding of the Sound's natural and cultural values. Advocate the maintenance of the wild and unique qualities and experiences that characterize the Sound.
- I. Support and encourage recreational uses, activities and developments that are environmentally safe and will ensure long-term maintenance of the environmental quality of the Sound.
- J. Promote and encourage the protection of native cultural resources throughout the Sound, through monitoring, education and enforcement of state and federal laws.

Projects that protect and conserve cultural resources, that restore areas important to recreation which were damaged by the spill or clean-up, and that promote responsible behavior among the recreating public would further these goals that are important to our members. Members of our group may also be submitting comments individually in support of specific projects.

Participating Members

*Alaska Department of Natural Resources
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service
Alaska Department of Fish and Game
The Eyak Corporation*

*Alaska Department of Transportation, Division of Marine Highways
Chugach Alaska Corporation
The Chenega Corporation
The Tatitlek Corporation*

We would also like to encourage the Trustee Council to use the findings of the EVOS Recreation Planning Group in its deliberations. The priority project list is the result of an intense and comprehensive public involvement process. The priority list identifies work that can help restore recreation and tourism services dependent on the resources of the Sound, and restore and protect cultural resources damaged or at risk due to spill-related activities. These projects were developed and ranked by a cross-section of the public most directly concerned with management of the Sound.

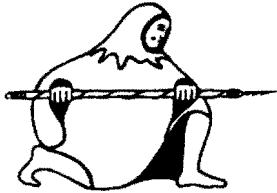
Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Rutherford". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Susan Rutherford
Chair

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The Eyak Corporation

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January 10, 1994

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Members of the EVOS Trustee Council:

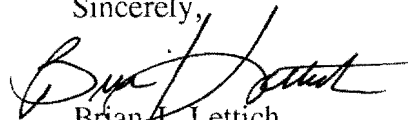
We are writing in support of EVOS Trustee Council funding for project number **94421, Common Property Salmon Stock Restoration**, in the Draft 1994 Work Plan. In particular, we ask for full funding to maintain the existing salmon enhancement and restoration system operated in the Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation (PWSAC).

Prince William Sound salmon fisheries are distressed. During the ten years prior to 1989, the average return of all salmon to the PWS management region was 22 million fish. Total natural and hatchery salmon returns have dwindled to 10.5 million in 1992 and 7.0 million in 1993, in response to ecosystem changes that require further investigation. The damaged salmon resources and the lost services provided by those resources have heavily impacted all user groups. Revenues to PWSAC, primarily dependant on sales of returning fish, have fallen far short of what is necessary to maintain its restoration and enhancement efforts.

While the extent of short and long term damage to the Prince William Sound ecosystem is still being assessed, it is more important than ever to the people of the Sound that the salmon enhancement programs be maintained to both restore and replace these lost resources and services. The economic viability of the entire Prince William Sound region will be devastated if the hatchery system is allowed to fail during this period of distress. Especially for this area's commercial fisherman who will pay the bill if the hatchery system fails.

Please help the resources and the people of Prince William Sound recover. Thank you.

Sincerely,


Brian J. Lettich
General Manager

BJL/rs
Cor410

940118111 Jan 13, 1994

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to request you provide some funding for Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation. I am a commercial fisherman in the Sound. It seems to me that the money given to the trustees was supposed to be used in Prince William Sound to restore damage and mitigate damage done. This would be a good time to demonstrate your commitment in that area. Money given to AWSAC would have a direct affect on those people most affected by the spill. Our livelihood is in jeopardy now.

Sincerely,

Lee Athens

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Palmer Ak 99645

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PO BOX 7081
NIKISKI AK, 99635

DEAR SIR'S

1-12-94

WE URGIE YOU TO
SUPPORT - PROJECTS 94504 -
94255 - 94258. OUR SOLKIEYIE
ARE IN TROUBLE.

WE APPOSE PROJECT 94199.
THIS MONEY SHOULD BE SPENT
ON PROJECTS THAT ARE NEEDED

ROBERT W. PORTER
Robert W. Porter
THANK YOU
Rebecca Porter
~~Rebecca Porter~~

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I feel the funding of the marine research facility in Seward is an excellent idea.

It is practical, as the need is surely there. It will be an educational boast for the entire state. And, favorable publicity would be generated by such a venture.

Please consider allotting money towards this very worthwhile endeavor.

Linda De Vore
12907 Brandon St.
Anchorage, Ak 99515

Additional Comments:

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I am writing to request that all available funding to Restore and enhance Lower Cook Inlet Salmon runs be appropriated. I am a Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fisherman and I've seen these once plentiful runs slowly dwindle.

There are three projects in particular that I feel need attention they are project 94345, Project 94421, and 94139. I feel these three projects are of vital importance to Cook Inlet.

Thank you for your time and Consideration.

Robert D. Willard
Box 1631
Horner, AK
99603

Additional Comments:

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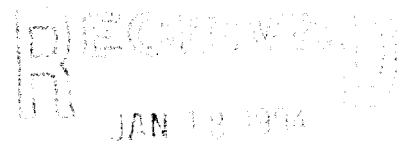
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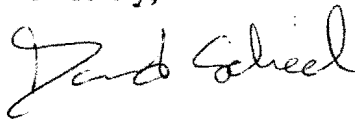
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Multiple Resource Projects for monitoring and research

I would urge that all biologically related resource and service projects be brought under the umbrella of coordinated ecosystem studies. This will result in each study contributing not only to the recovery of specific resources, but also to the understanding of the system as a whole and the impacts of oil upon it. That knowledge is necessary to understand the effects that restoration efforts have, and to choose correctly among alternative restoration and management options.

However, settlement money does not have to be needlessly funneled into creating a new research facility in Seward to undertake this research. The spill impacted region already has research facilities in Cordova. The favorable scientific and public reviews generated by the Sound Ecosystem Assessment (SEA) plan developed in Cordova are clear evidence that excellent local scientific capabilities are already at hand and hard at work on the problems in the spill area. Money should be spent supporting or expanding existing facilities within the spill area, rather than creating new and redundant ones.

Sincerely,



David Scheel

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Additional Comments:

I would like to see that all biologically related science and service projects be brought under the umbrella of coordinated cooperation and study. This will result in each study contributing not only to the recovery of specific resources, but also to the understanding of the system as a whole and the impact of the system. This knowledge is necessary to understand the effects that restoration efforts have, and to choose carefully among alternative restoration and management options.

However, science and service projects must not have to be negatively impacted into meeting a new management strategy. It is important to understand this concept. The staff requested reports already has a specific title in Cordova. The biologic science and service reviews generated by the Cordova system (CSE) plan developed in Cordova as a result of the fact that excellent local scientific capabilities are already at hand and need to work on the problems in the Gulf area. Money should be spent on the Cordova system.

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*John B. Sheedy
Owner/operator
Marine Term & Charter*

To the Council:
*As my business and livelihood depends directly
on the marine environment along our coast line, I
would strongly encourage the funding of the Alaska
Sea Life Center at Homer. I think a research
and rehabilitation center such as this is long
overdue and Homer would be an excellent
location.*

Additional Comments:

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Mariah Tours & Charters
3812 Katmai Circle
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Do not support or provide funding for the Alaska Sea life Center AKA The Alaska marine Research Institute AKA the North Pacific Research Institute.

The Prince William Sound Science Center and the oil spill Recovery Institute formed immediately after the spill and named in OPA 90 to be the center that should facilitate and conduct long term monitoring studies (especially oil spill related) in Prince William Sound is the logical choice with access to the Sound as well as the most logistically expedient point for Researchers and materials to the Sound with major Airlines arriving daily, "The Plan" ~~by~~ Produced by the Center, CDFU, CAMA, & PWSAC "SEA" is the most comprehensive

Additional Comments:

Plan for long term monitoring and ecosystem research. This Plan was requested by the trustee Council and is being provided. Perhaps you should follow your Plan! (!!!), I would also like to see continued negotiation with the ~~Cytek~~ corporation for timber buy back in the Cordova Area. Cordova was one of the most economically impacted communities from the spill yet we have received virtually nothing. Please put your money when it needs to be (fold here)

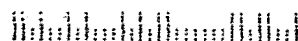
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Dear Exxon Valdez oil spill trustee Council,

I am 11 years old and I am in fifth grade at Badger Road Ele. School near Fairbanks. I think that the Sea Life Center is a wonderful idea. I believe that the Sea Life Center will help to educate the public on the ocean.

Sincerely,
Charlotte A. Kline
Charlotte A. Kline

Additional Comments:

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Charlotte A. Kline

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Fairbanks, AK

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Dear Trustees,

I would like to wholeheartedly endorse the Trustee Council's support of the marine life research center in Seward. The center will be an ideal partner to the existing University of Alaska marine science facility, will provide essential public education opportunities, and will ensure the preservation and stability of this remarkable environment.

The Alaska Sea Life Center represents a comprehensive approach to the solution to our environmental problems, and will greatly counteract the risks created by modern industry.

Sincerely,

Eune Ransom

P.O. Box 1587

Seward, AK 99664

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Trustee Council,

All projects mentioned
are needed and important for
alaska's environment.

Obviously one veterinary
Clinic cannot and should not
care and rehabilitate ^{all} marine
mammals that have been injured.

The public would receive
much needed education and
the research would be invaluable.

Most importantly this Center
can be achieved without depending
upon state or federal funds. It
will be self-supporting.

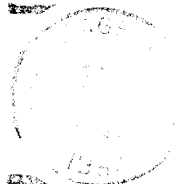
Thank you,
Rayna Livingston

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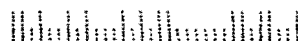
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The following comments are offered on specific projects proposed in the 1994 Draft Work Plan.

Project 94043

I feel that Cutthroat Trout and Dolly Varden restoration should not be viewed or listed under "other recreation projects." Cutthroat Trout were an injured species, and as such deserve restoration consideration in their own right.

Projects 94110 and 94126

EYA 11, the core parcels of Eyak land remain a high priority for acquisition to the town and peoples of Cordova. Although it is understood that negotiations with Eyak Corporation have not been successful, it is hoped that an agreement will ultimately emerge for at least the core lands. Fee simple title is preferred rather than a conservation easement.

Although these parcels are identified as only a moderate priority, they are extremely important to the future of Cordova, both in terms of scenic attributes, and potential sources of water and electricity to the city.

EYA 02, EYA 03, and EYA 01 are properly identified as a high priority parcels, and I favor all opportunities to protect these acres.

Project 94320

Ecosystem management studies in Prince William Sound are favored and desirable, providing that such studies are in fact ecosystem based, and not focused solely on narrow areas of interest. A great deal of interest has been directed at pink salmon and herring (which of course are designated injured species). It is important to not ignore the role that other fish species contribute to the economy and ecosystem of Prince William Sound.

In addition, ecosystem based studies should include all pertinent land ownerships within the sound, not just the marine environment. It is suggested that if this project is funded, a certain portion be earmarked for a comprehensive effort similar to SEA, to identify critical areas in the

terrestrial portions of the PWS ecosystem for addition research and/or study, and linkage to the marine portion of the study. Because the Forest Service is the dominant land manager in the sound, and has extensive research, management, and GIS expertise, either the Chugach National Forest, and/or Pacific Northwest Forest and Range Experiment Station (through the Copper River Delta Institute), should be considered as a lead agency in this effort.

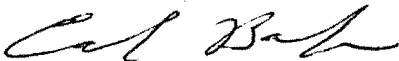
Recreation and Tourism

Several projects are proposed in the arena of recreation and tourism, with varying linkages to the oil spill. In 1994, the U.S. Forest Service will begin operating a Information and Education site at the entrance to Valdez. The focus of the displays and information will be not be oil spill related information. However, some oil spill related information (such as brochures) and a display could be presented on the oil spill and subsequent recovery, and sources of additional information, such as the Alyeska public display area and tours.

Some of the primary questions that the 200,000 visitors to Valdez bring with them has to do with the oil spill and recovery process.

Since the information and education site is already planned, the cost of additional materials would be minor. The linkage with the oil spill would be direct. It is suggested that serious consideration be given to contacting the Forest Service to fund such information at the site.

Thank you for considering these comments.



Cal and Sandra Baker
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These comments are directed to the proposed funding of the North Pacific Research Institute.

I am in support of funds which can be used for conducting research and monitoring of the ecosystem affected by the 1989 spill. The expending of money to gain increased knowledge of the Prince William Sound and the surrounding waters and the surrounding communities affected by the spill is a just use of the settlement money.

Patrick Reilly

Additional Comments:

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