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Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Charles & Katie Selanoff
P.O. Box 125
Tatitlek, AK. 99677

Charles W. Selanoff Dr.
Kathryn Selanoff

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Robert Christman

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Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Brian Zacher
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P.O. Box 116
Tatitlek, AK. 99677

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Dennis P. Zacher

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P.O. Box 118

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Sincerely,

: Curtis & Katherine Kompkoff
: P.O. Box 146
: Tatitlek, AK. 99677

Curtis Kompkoff
Katherine Kompkoff

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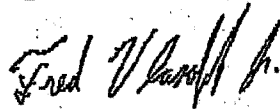
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Box 140
Tatitlek, Alaska 99677

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Exenia Gregorieff
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P.O. Box 105

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Louis Vlasoff

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Box 124
Tatitlek, Alaska 99677

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Roy & Evelyn Totemoff
P.O. Box 114
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Evelyn H. Totemoff
Roy Totemoff

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Maxine Totanoff
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P.O. Box 111
Tatitlek, AK. 99677

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David Tidwell Jr.

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Mike & June Totenoff
P.O. Box 103
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June Totenoff
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Jerry & Sandra Selanoff

P.O. Box 115

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Lee Ann Gregorieff

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Kevin Gregorieff
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We urge the support of the above listed projects, they mean so much to our community, both culturally and economically.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Darlene Totenoff
P.O. Box 144
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Michael A. Barton
Regional Forester for Alaska Region
Exxon Valdez Oil Spill
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645 G Street
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Barton:

We have reviewed the 1993 Draft Work Plan and the associated Federal Register notice dated October 20, 1992, and offer the following comments for your consideration.

We believe the final 1993 Work Plan should clearly state that, prior to Trustee Council approval of 1993 projects, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance must be completed. We also believe that the project descriptions in the 1993 Draft Work Plan should identify all applicable Federal, state, and local laws, treaties, executive orders, regulations, and consultation that must be completed prior to beginning work on approved projects. Examples of the required Federal consultation are found in the compliance requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act, Native Graves Protection and Reparation Act, Endangered and Threatened Species Act, Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Acts, migratory bird treaties, Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, Clean Water Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, Coastal Zone Management Act.

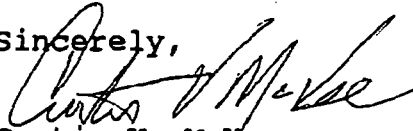
We also recommend that each project description in the final 1993 Work Plan clearly state why the project must be conducted in 1993 prior to the finalization of the Restoration Plan. We believe it was the intent of the EVOS settlement that EVOS funds spent prior to the finalization of the Restoration Plan, should be restricted to actions necessary to avoid irreversible loss of natural resources or to prevent or reduce continuing danger to natural resources and/or emergency restoration actions.

The 1993 Draft Work Plan states on page 13 that the detailed project budget is available for public viewing at the Oil Spill Public Information Center, Trustee Council teleconference sites, and selected libraries. In fact, the detailed project budgets were not sent to those public viewing areas until November 19, 1992. Since the deadline for public comments is November 20, 1992, the public clearly has not had the opportunity for meaningful review of both documents or time to prepare comments to the Trustee Council.

As stated in my November 17, 1992, memorandum to the Trustee Council, I believe the public comment period on the 1993 Draft Work Plan and detailed budget must be extended from November 20, 1992 for a reasonable period of time after the detailed budget is available to the public.

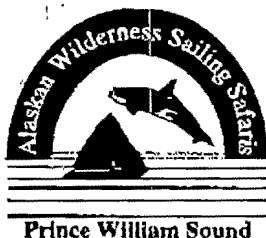
Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Restoration 1993 Draft Work Plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Curtis V. McVee".

Curtis V. McVee
Special Assistant to the Secretary
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Dear Sirs:

Alaskan Wilderness Sailing Safaris supports the testimony submitted by the Alaska Wilderness Recreation and Tourism Association.

We wish to draw special attention to our support of the following projects:

- 1) All habitat identification and acquisition projects
- 2) All projects that will or may restore wildlife that do not include intrusive or lethal measures.
- 3) All projects that will or may restore beach communities without destroying existing ecosystems. We are opposed to the destruction of mussel beds.

We would like to see the following projects added:

- 1) Rewards for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons harassing marine mammals or wildlife.
- 2) Survey of beaches important to tourism industry for remaining oil and development of a plan to remove it during the 1993 working season. Oil remaining on the beaches has an adverse effect on our charter guests and limits our ability to return to using the areas we visited prior to 1989. The loss of the scenic and wild-

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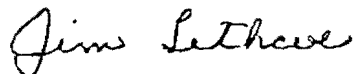
life (intertidal zone, etc.) viewing services provided by the oiled beaches constitutes a continuing adverse effect on our ability to market, deliver a product, and make a living. We have tried advertising ecotourism learning experiences in the oil spill impacted area but have met with considerable consumer resistance. We have tried offering our guests a choice of visiting an area oiled by the spill; most guests consistently choose other locations.

Under U.S. law, the EVOS Restoration funds are the only way we have of recovering the services of natural resources damaged by the spill. There is no way for us to recover our economic losses. Thus, AWSS is disturbed that the criteria used in evaluating projects does not include a category for restoring the services provided by natural resources, such as scenic quality, that were lost.

We are also concerned that the Trustees have very little information on recreation and tourism use of the area and that the economic studies have not yet been released. We ask that the economic studies be released for public review. We propose that the FS as the major landowner consider submitting a request for funding of its own vessel to do surveys, research and monitor recreation and tourism activities in Prince William Sound.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



R. James Lethcoe

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RE: Draft 1993 Work Plan Comments

Dear Sirs:

The Board of Directors for the Alaska Wilderness Recreation and Tourism Association has reviewed the *Exxon Valdez Restoration 1993 Draft Work Plan* and offers the following comments.

A. The Trustee Council should primarily limit 1993 restoration actions to those projects that are time critical, would otherwise be a lost opportunity, or which aid in the restoration of lost natural resources and the services provided by those resources.

Habitat restoration projects such as protection for harbor seal haulout areas, nesting areas, and timber buybacks for habitat and scenic viewshed are the types of projects most beneficial to recreational users and the tourism industry.

AWRTA members are concerned that the agencies who are also the Trustees appear to be using EVOS funds to funding projects which should be funded in the normal course of fulfilling their statutory mandate. The Board also questions whether agencies are the only or even the best groups to be undertaking some of the proposed projects and believe that many of the goals of a project might be better fulfilled through utilizing the resources of the University of Alaska and private contractors.

AWRTA would also like to see more projects solicited from non-agency organizations in the future and all projects listed with a brief description and reasons for the Restoration Team and Chief Scientist's recommendation or non-recommendation. We found the Chief Scientist's comments most useful, especially in cases where we felt he might be lacking in information regarding impacts from the tourism industry. This helped us to focus our comments. However, we are concerned that other projects which did not make it to the Plan stage may have been excluded because the reviewers lacked appropriate information.

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B. Are there other projects that should be included? Yes.

1) Develop a rewards program for information leading to the conviction of a person harassing marine mammals or wildlife in the spill impacted area. This would be similar to, but more extensive than, the Sea Lion Reward program recently initiated by the Cordova District Fishermen United. Reducing harassment would help injured species to recover. This would help the recreation and tourism industry recover the use of services provided by natural resources injured by the spill.

2) Develop a comprehensive long-term ecosystem monitoring program to quantify naturally induced changes and to help document the recovery/lack of recovery of species and ecosystem. Baseline information derived from a few years of study does not adequately capture long-term natural fluctuations in the ecosystem. There is currently inadequate information to determine when a species or ecosystem has been restored. Without a plan it is difficult to tell how a particular project fits into the recovery of the entire ecosystem. Scientific reports resulting from a long-term study could be made available to the public and would be very valuable to the recreation and tourism industry in preparing guides, naturalists, and tour boat operators with information to share with their clients.

3) Considerable amounts of tar balls and other spill products remain on beaches used by the recreation and tourism industry in Prince William Sound. A program should be developed to work with recreation and tourism operators to inventory affected beaches and develop a plan to remove the remaining oil. This oil reduces the services provided by the beaches (such as intertidal zone study/observation, scenic quality), has an adverse economic impact on recreational use and tourism, and is an on-going problem that needs to be addressed before another summer tourism season passes.

4) Garbage still remains from the oil spill cleanup on some beaches (raingear, sorbant pads, pompoms, etc.). This has posed a scenic pollution problem and had an adverse impact on local habitat for microtines, etc. We support a program to clean up this oil spill debris and to fund annual cleanups of PWS beaches.

C. Appropriateness of projects, scope, level of funding, and priority.

Priorities/Justification:

Should definitely be funded = 1

Support funding = 2

Opposed to funding = 3

Priorities/Justification was determined by project meeting one or more of the following justifications.

Priority 1 a) EVOS damaged resource or services provided by it important to recreation and tourism.

b) Project likely to aid the recovery of resources and the services they provide to recreation and tourism.

c) Project essential to an overall restoration framework.

d) Project important for understanding ecosystem, range of long-term natural variations, and evaluating recovery/restoration from EVOS.

Priority 2 a) EVOS damaged resource or services provided by it only marginally important to recreation and tourism.

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b) Project of possible use to recovery of resources and the services they provide to recreation and tourism.

c) Project possibly important to an overall restoration framework.

d) Project possibly important for understanding ecosystem, range of long-term natural variations, and evaluating recovery/restoration from EVOS.

Opposed 3 a) Project would or could damage resources or the services provided by those resources that are important to recreation and tourism industry.

b) Not clearly related to the recovery of resources or their services.

Funding recommendations:

N = Project should not be funded.

F = Funding from Restoration funds.

A = Funding from regular agency budgets.

B = Should go out to bid.

Project	Priority	Funding	Comments
93002	1	F-B	Good for sports fishermen; cost might be reduced by open bid
93003	1	F-B	As above
93004	1	F-B	As above
93005	1	F-B	Important for cultural ecotourism; help avoid negative impacts on archeological sites
93006	2	F-B	Could be important for cultural ecotourism
93007	2	F-B	As above
93008	2	F-B	As above
93009	3	N	Not clearly related to restoring either a damaged resource or the services provided by that resource; AWRTA supports funding of a brochure that would describe briefly the injured resources and the way recreational users, tourists, and tour operators could avoid negative impacts on these resources, such as the dates bald eagles or harbor seals are sensitive to disturbance in their nesting/birthing areas. The brochure could inform the public of the rewards for information leading to the arrest and conviction of people harassing marine mammals and wildlife in the spill impacted area (Priority #1, funding level up to \$30,000).
93010	1	F-B	Restoration of murre and services provided important to all segments of the recreation and tourism industry.
93011	1	F-B	Significant reductions in the river otter population has occurred in Prince William Sound adversely affecting ability of wilderness guides to show clients river otters.
93012	1	F-B	Good for sports fishermen; cost might be reduced by open bid;
93014	2	A	Only loosely related to EVOS
93015	1	A	Should be funded by ADF&G not out of Restoration funds.
93016			No comment
93017			No comment
93018	3		Not an important sportfishery prior to spill; if ADF&G wants to

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develop this fishery, should do so out of agency funds.

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| 93019 | 3 | N | AWRTA supports villages desire to diversify their economies. However, EVOS funds should not be used for this purpose. |
| 93020 | 3 | N | Not clear how this helps wild mussels to recover. |
| 93022 | 1 | F-B | Restoration of murre and services provided important to all segments of the recreation and tourism industry. |
| 93024 | 3 | A | This is an important sportfishery, but its decline does not appear to be directly related to EVOS. AWRTA supports ADF&G/USFS funding this out of non-EVOS monies. |
| 93025 | 3 | A | This is an important sportfishery, but its decline does not appear to be directly related to EVOS. AWRTA supports ADF&G/USFS funding this out of non-EVOS monies. |
| 93026 | 3 | N | Not in spill area; could adversely affect wild stocks and have a negative impact on sportfishing. |
| 93028 | 3 | N | Watching the progression of naturally induced changes is a major component of ecotourism. Project would have an adverse impact on ecotourism opportunities. |
| 93029 | 3 | N | EVOS funds should not be used to fund pre-commercial thinning. Old growth habitat important to EVOS damaged resources can better be restored through timber purchase. |
| 93030 | 3 | N | Problems with water quality, disease and variety of salmon stocks at hatchery could adversely affect wild stocks in Red Lake. |
| 93031 | 3 | N | Uncertain about possible adverse effects of introducing hatchery stock into wild stock areas. |
| 93032 | 2 | A | Not clearly related to EVOS. |
| 93033 | 3/1 | N/F-B | Important species for bird watching. AWRTA opposes the killing of species for restoration purposes. Support funding for parts of project that are non-intrusive and non-lethal. Colorful Harlequin Ducks are an important species for bird watching and photography. |
| 93034 | 1 | F-B | Important species for bird watching. AWRTA disagrees with Dr. Spies comments: their habitats are threatened by developments within the tourism industry, such as inadvertant disturbance of nesting areas by kayakers, campers, etc. and resulting predation. Identification of habitat and protection of that habitat would help to minimize adverse impacts from recreational users and tourism industry. |
| 93035 | 3 | N | Important species for bird watching. AWRTA opposes the killing of species for restoration purposes. Support funding for parts of project that are non-intrusive and non-lethal. Black oystercatcher habitats are threatened by developments within the tourism industry, such as inadvertant disturbance of nesting areas by kayakers, campers, etc. and resulting predation. Identification of habitat and protection of that habitat would help to minimize adverse impacts from recreational users and tourism industry. AWRTA would support this type of research and restoration. |
| 93036 | 3 | N | Mussel beds are important ecological units in themselves. These beds were left as seed beds to restore mussels removed in the cleanup. The absence of mussels on cliffs and rocks remains a lost resource & service which adversely impacts the marketing, product delivery, and economic condition of tour operators. |
| 93038 | 1 | F | Important project for recreational users and tourism industry. |
| 93039 | 1 | F-B | Important project for recreational users and tourism industry. |

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Should be put out to bid or directed to the University of Alaska.

93041 1 F

93042 1 F-B Very high priority project for recreation and tourism industry. Also should be a project to monitor the effects of the spill on transient pods. Project should go out to Bid or be directly channeled to North Gulf Coast Oceanic Society which began the research prior to the spill and has continued it under a contract to NOAA-MMS. Costs to NOAA-MMS for administration could be saved.

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93046 1 F Harbor seals are an important megaspecies for all sectors of the tourism industry. Habitat use studies will help ecotourism industry and recreational users to avoid critical habitat areas thus avoiding possible adverse affects on harbor seals and aiding in their recovery. The tourism industry relies heavily on the watchable wildlife services provided by harbor seals and most members of the tourism industry do not voluntarily engage in actions that might be harmful to harbor seals. However, out of ignorance harbor seals can be inadvertently disturbed during pupping and molting seasons. This research should help to prevent this if the results are made available to the public. We would like to see a component added to the project that includes working with the tourism industry to identify possible areas of conflict and to help tour operators to mitigate this. Should be continued by agencies.

93047 1 F

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93051 2 F Important to sportsfishermen

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93063 1 F Important to sportsfishermen

93064 1 F This is probably the one project that would do the most to help recreational users and tourism businesses to recover the services, such as lost scenic quality and wildlife viewing opportunities. AWRTA questions whether sufficient funds have been allocated to purchase the timber rights to an entire watershed. Purchasing timber rights to extend riparian buffer strips would be beneficial to sportsfishermen, but would have no value for restoring scenic quality and very limited, if any, value for restoring wildlife watching opportunities.

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As the Trustee Council knows, the courts have ruled that the recreation and tourism industry cannot sue oil companies for economic losses resulting from an oil spill. They cannot sue for the loss of the services provided by natural resources damaged by the spill, because the restoration funds are compensation for these services. There is no direct route for recreation and tourism operators who were directly affected by the spill to recover their economic losses. So far, very little attention has been paid to restoring the services provided by natural resources to the recreation and tourism industry. AWRTA requests the Trustees to address this problem.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy R. Lethcoe



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Exxon Valdez Trustee Council
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Re: Exxon Valdez Draft 1993 Work Plan

The Cook Inlet Regional Citizens' Advisory Council is pleased to provide comment on the Exxon Valdez Draft 1993 Work Plan. Over the past six months Council staff has closely followed the development of this Plan.

Cook Inlet RCAC was formed under Section 5002 of the *Oil Pollution Act of 1990* (OPA90). The Council's mission is to ensure the safe operation of the oil terminals, tankers, and facilities in Cook Inlet so that environmental impacts associated with the oil industry are minimized. The organization's membership consists of representatives of communities throughout the Cook Inlet region, and specific interest groups as mandated by OPA'90.

At Cook Inlet RCAC's November 7, 1992 meeting, the Council recommended the Trustee's first priority should be to fund pollution monitoring programs for the entire Exxon Valdez spill-affected area, including Cook Inlet. The "Comprehensive Restoration Monitoring Program" (project number 93041) described in the Draft Work Plan addresses only areas in Prince William Sound and the Gulf of Alaska. Resources and services in Cook Inlet have been, and will continue to be, impacted by the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill.

Furthermore, it is the sentiment of Cook Inlet RCAC that:

- a monitoring program is time critical and should begin as soon as possible so a baseline of hydrocarbon contamination can be established for comparison in future years;
- implementation of environmental monitoring in Cook Inlet could aid in allaying public concerns regarding suspected chronic impacts of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill;
- environmental monitoring, conducted through Cook Inlet RCAC, could begin in 1993; and

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• monitoring, conducted through Cook Inlet RCAC, would be free from the delay and other confines of those conducted through government agencies.

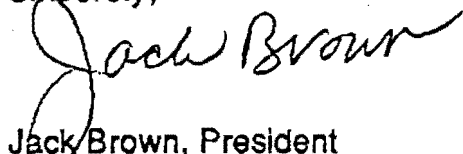
The Environmental Monitoring Committee of Cook Inlet RCAC has spent in excess of \$50,000 to develop such a program and previously requested the Trustee Council assist in implementation of the program.

In addition, it is Cook Inlet RCAC's stated position, the Trustee Council should prioritize expenditures toward spill prevention measures that are not being addressed in Cook Inlet and elsewhere in Alaska but are already in place in Prince William Sound. Items that are worthy of support include pre-positioning of response equipment, vessel escort in Cook Inlet, and research toward the effects of various spill response technologies.

We are sympathetic to the difficult task the Trustee Council has in balancing the many competing interests in allocating the settlement monies. As it stands, however, Cook Inlet RCAC is not in concurrence with the priorities established in the 1993 Draft Work Plan, nor its emphasis on studies to be conducted by its member agencies.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to comment on the 1993 Draft Work Plan. Cook Inlet RCAC is available to assist the Trustee Council in any way possible in helping attain its established goals and objectives. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either Lisa Parker, Executive Director, or Jim Dey, Program Coordinator for Environmental Monitoring at 283-7222.

Sincerely,



Jack Brown, President
Cook Inlet RCAC

cc: Cook Inlet RCAC Board of Directors
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