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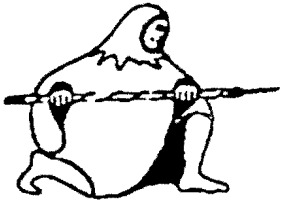
Dear Council members,

We firmly believe that the lasting legacy of your work as Exxon Trustees will be the land that you protect in parks and refuges. We urge you to purchase, on behalf of the citizens of Alaska, and indeed the world, the land being offered in the Paul's and Laura Lakes area on Afognak Island.

Sincerely,

*Richard MacIntosh*  
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## The Eyak Corporation

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EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL  
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Dear Mayor Johnson:

This letter describes the ongoing selective harvest project on Eyak Corporation land adjacent to Eyak lake and Eyak River. It outlines specific plans to minimize impacts on viewsheds, fish and wildlife resources and the Cordova community.

We feel these extensive efforts to minimize impacts on our lands eliminate any requirement for restoration bonds, taxes or any other needs that could potentially delay the project. These efforts have been developed with the assistance of two of the most experienced and environmentally responsibly forest products industry - related companies operating today. We want you and the Cordova community to know we are doing what we can to minimize any potential impacts that have worked hard to do so.

There will also be significant local economic benefits to this area. The project alone is expected to generate 35 direct jobs and approximately \$150,000 each month in payroll alone. All employees are either already living in the area or will be in the area for the duration of the project. In addition, there will be significant local purchases of supplies and services.

The harvest is being accomplished to generate additional revenues to better enable The Eyak Corporation to diversify its current operations from being primarily dependent on timber harvesting.

### Project Overview

The Eyak Corporation is going to selectively harvest two, possibly three areas of Eyak Corporation lands adjacent to Eyak lake and Eyak river while minimizing the impact on viewsheds, fish and wildlife resources and the Cordova community. There is approximately 14,000 acres of timberland adjacent to Eyak Lake and Eyak river in the Cordova area and we plan to begin a selective timber harvest on approximately 1,000 acres this spring.

~~The management and professional services will be provided by Rayonier, Inc. and Columbia Helicopter, Inc. Rayonier, one of the oldest and most experienced forest products companies~~

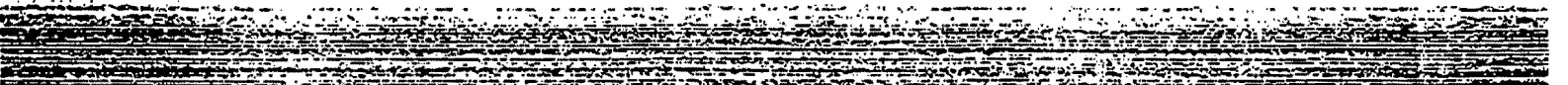
in the United States with a reputation for environmental responsibility, is managing the project for Eyak. Columbia Helicopter Inc., considered the most experienced and safest helicopter logging company in the world, will conduct the removal operations. Rayonier and Columbia have been working in Alaska for the last four years harvesting over 50 million board feet of timber, and they have experience working within areas such as Eyak Lake.

It is our intent to minimize impacts on our lands, and special efforts are being taken to protect fish and wildlife habitat and viewsheds. Harvest activities began in March and should conclude by mid-July. Since this is a selective harvesting project, at least eighty (80) percent of the trees in the areas will remain. Trees to be harvested were marked and cut beginning in March. From mid-April until mid-July, a single helicopter will transport logs to three landing sites near the project areas. They will then be loaded, banded and hauled by truck to an existing log transfer facility at Fleming Spit. From there they will be rafted, towed, and stored in Orca Narrows where they will be sold.

#### Benefits of Selective Harvesting

Selective harvesting with a helicopter is generally recognized as the most environmentally sensitive harvest method. As well as one of the most expensive methods. The use of a helicopter also permits the selective removal of harvested trees and reduces the potential of damage to other trees and fish and wildlife habitat. The importance of our area's fish resources, wildlife habitat and natural beauty are why selective harvesting by helicopter was chosen for this project. This kind of harvesting minimizes soil disturbance and reduces construction of logging roads and impacts on viewsheds. The use of selective harvesting rather than clear-cutting will reduce the impact on the viewshed. While there will be some visual impacts, on average only one of every five trees in the project area will be harvested and no clear-cutting will be done.

In selective harvesting, trees in the project area were first viewed by foresters on the ground. Mature trees with the best marketability that have no direct bearing on fish and wildlife were marked for logging. When harvested, selective trees are felled so that they do not harm other trees in the area or fish and wildlife habitat. The logs are then trimmed of limbs and lifted by the helicopter to a nearby landing where they are sorted and loaded for trucking.



### Efforts to Protect Public Safety

As well as the selective harvesting, efforts are being taken to minimize community impact and maximize public safety. Columbia was hired to transport logs because of their safety record and experience. They will use a Boeing Vertol an aircraft with an excellent safety record. It has two engines and can land safely on one in the event of an emergency. Highly trained and experienced professional pilot and co-pilots, who have operated in all kinds of terrain will be on board at all times. Two crews will be used, and to ensure optimum safety, each crew only flies for one-half of the helicopter's operating time each day. Columbia's crew's are also subject to random monthly drug testing.

A maintenance crew will be on the project site at all times and will spend considerable time ensuring that the helicopter is in optimal flying condition. A thirty (30) minute maintenance check will be conducted at each day when flight crews are changed, in addition to checks performed at the end of each day. The helicopter will only operate under good flying conditions and it will not operate during inclement weather or foggy conditions. At no time will the helicopter fly over residential areas.

Log hauling will only last for approximately two (2) months on Power Creek road. Log trucks on Power Creek road will communicate with flaggers at check points and will be monitored via radio in an effort to minimize traffic impact and areas where log trucks enter and leave roadways will be posted. To minimize traffic congestion and insure public safety, log trucks will be required to use Railroad Avenue through Cordova.

We have met with ADOT/PF and reviewed with them the use of state roads to conduct our operations. We have a plan in process which should minimize traffic impact and allow immediate emergency access to the residents who live in the area of Power Creek. After review of our plan with the Cordova Police Department, it is our intention to use Railroad Avenue to move our timber through the business district in an effort to minimize our effects on the flow of traffic. If our use of this city road is too costly because of the "potential" for damage to the street, we can always change our plans and keep to the state highway and move our timber through the business district via first street.

As to the concern regarding trucking operations within popular recreational areas; please be reminded that all of the land in the areas of timber harvest operations is owned by The Eyak Corporation. Access is guaranteed along Power Creek road but will be regulated to insure public safety. Because of potential liability from having people in the

timber harvest area, all public sportfishing, hunting and gathering, woodcutting, and recreation will not be permitted on the corporation's lands until our operations have been completed.


We have done significant work to consider public safety. As outlined above we have clearly taken actions appropriate to address concerns regarding helicopter and logging truck operations within the city. We believe we have done all that we are legally required to do in regard to the planned selective timber harvest operation. In fact, we feel that we have gone far beyond what the minimum standards require.

#### Efforts to Protect Water Quality

If required to prevent runoff from the landing near lower power creek, small settling ponds, silt fences and straw bale filtering systems will be used. Runoff is expected to be minimal or non-existent with the use of these systems. All petroleum products will be stored in lined containment areas, and absorbent materials will be made available on site during all operations.

We have done much to consider public health as well. Concerns have been raised regarding adequate watershed protection for the city's water supply. Look at the type of operation we have planned. The whole concept to log with helicopters has increased our costs in an effort to mitigate any perceived damage to the lake. This type of logging operation is being utilized successfully in many areas where the same concerns exist. An oil spill contingency plan is being developed as well as an extra safeguard for the lake. We have also worked to mitigate effects on public drinking water by setting aside two areas around Eyak lake to convey to the city for watershed.

We are working within the proper channels to permit cutting within the riparian habitat. It is up to ADF&G to manage this habitat and up to ADNR to manage actions conducted under the Forest Resources and Practice Act. If harm to the habitat can be quantified by these agencies they will not permit our activities to take timber from within the riparian buffer zones or they will require our operations to include work to mitigate any hazards to the watershed. We are not going to conduct our operations without working first to obtain the authority to conduct our operations from the State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry as lead agency in regards to the Forest Resources and Practices Act.



### Economic Benefits

The Cordova economy has benefited from the development of native owned natural resources and lands. We would encourage the city council to create a regulatory climate that encourages and facilitates development; not impede, restrict and frustrate. We would encourage the council to look at insuring the conformity with the real economic and social needs of The Eyak Corporation's native shareholders when considering any actions which may affect development of our ANCSA landholdings.

We expect almost all of the individuals who are employed through the Eyak lake and Eyak river operations to rent and live in Cordova. This amount of money which will be brought to this community as a direct result of our logging operations, clearly shows that Cordova will benefit significantly from our logging operations. This economic development will increase income in Cordova. Wages will be spent on rent, food, utilities, and entertainment. Many of the supplies will be purchased from local entities. The sales will have an impact on increasing local sales tax revenues.

To this point in time, The Eyak Corporation has provided substantial benefits to the citizens of Cordova by providing at little, or no cost, free access to our private land holds in this area. Residents have had the ability to take firewood, fish and game, subsistence foodstuffs, and recreational opportunities. We have been good neighbors as a result of this practice and have asked for nothing in return except that individuals respect our private property.

### Private Property Considerations

Certain individuals have circulated a petition in Corova claiming their efforts are the "last chance to protect Cordova's watershed" and pushing for a sale of timber to the EVOS Trustees Council. It seems we are being ordered by certain environmental extremists to sell our property at any cost, since the makers of the aforementioned petition have indicated their intention to fight our efforts to negotiate a potential deal with the Trustee's Council if trees are cut. Their petition focuses development on native owned lands in a direction that confers benefits, on non-natives and increases the costs to us of alternative economic development. We ask that the Cordova City Council not be drawn into this. We certainly will not be forced to act as a result of this extortion attempt. We will work via our established timeline to discuss a deal with the EVOS Trustee's council for habitat protection surrounding Eyak lake. ~~If those who have circulated the petition in Cordova really wanted to protect the waters of Eyak lake and not~~

just use this issue as a guise to attack us, they would work on cleaning up the many individual actions which cumulatively create a greater risk to human health and the watershed.

We wonder if this attack is aimed at Eyak specifically, or if these citizens are ready to spread the responsibility of protecting this area to all individual users? At this time their attack appears to us to be racially drawn. We warn the city to be careful when considering their demand of taxation and environmental bonding requirements and not open this Pandora's Box. If this concern over environmental integrity is not racially motivated then all users of this watershed area will eventually be drawn into this issue.

- Is it okay for fuel company operators to pass through the area without specific watershed bonding and contingency planning, but not our contractor's logging trucks?
- Is it acceptable for individuals to fuel their boats along Eyak River without contingency planning and specific watershed bonding, but not for our contractors?
- Is it fair for individuals to be able to clear cut old growth timber to make space for a homesite along the lake and river, but not for our contractors to selective harvest timber?
- Is it all right for uncontrolled development to occur along the land and river area on non-Eyak owned lands without consideration for social, cultural and environmental issues, but not acceptable for our contractors to conduct an operation that has a high level of control and consideration?

If the Cordova City Council presses the corporation to expend additional resources to protect watershed on lands where we own the watershed, we will work to oppose your efforts. We believe protection of area's habitat is an admirable action, but taxation, zoning or bonding plans should not be based on an emotional wave to insulate any habitat who's value to fish and human resources has never been quantified. If the city council is set on creating a tax for our operations, than the council's action may encourage us to look outside this community to invest our capital. We will also look at other ways to recover these added costs and may consider creating a "tax" of our own on the community by imposing user fees for all access to corporation land holdings.

~~We feel that it is important to reiterate our position regarding the annexation of our lands within this area.~~

Eyak's position has always been that it will be us in compliance with State and Federal laws who will maintain ultimate authority over planning and zoning of our ANCSA land holdings. We remind you that ANCSA Section 22(1) requires that "no village or regional corporation shall select lands which are within two miles from the boundary, as it exists on the date of enactment of this act, of any home rule or first class city..." the purpose of this section was to allow for expansion of cities without infringing upon native lands. The city ignored the 2-mile buffer in its entirety. The city annexed 68 square miles outside prior city boundaries and that only a very small percentage of land is in private ownership, other than those lands owned by The Eyak Corporation. The contention that is being made that the annexation will allow the city to plan and control likely development in this territory needs to be carefully examined by the city to avoid a "takings" issue.

#### Summary

Our bottom line is that The Eyak Corporation feels very good about what has been done to minimize the impact of this selective harvesting project on Eyak land and believes reasonable people in our community would to.

We believe there is no need for unnecessary burdensome efforts that could serve to add expenses to this project. Because we will be using the most sophisticated and environmentally sensitive logging practices there are today and the other steps we are taking, there will be minimal safety, public health, and natural resource impact and very positive economic benefits.

Thank you for this opportunity to describe this project. If you have any specific questions not addressed in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact myself. I would be happy to answer any questions you might have.

Sincerely,  
THE EYAK CORPORATION



Brian J. Lettich  
General Manager

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# HELICOPTER LOGGING FACT SHEET

- All of the property upon which the timber harvest is to occur is private property and access will be regulated to that property according to safety considerations and the laws governing private property access.
- Maximum allowable cut under contract is 5.2mmbf
- Maximum percentage of trees to be cut is 20% or 1 in 5. (Note: This 20% is to be balanced in each area. ie; If there is a 5 acre area and only one acre has acceptable trees the logger may not take all the trees off of that one acre and claim that they are within the contract. The logger would be limited to 20% of the trees on that one acre and would not harvest any trees on the other 4 acres.)
- Under the contract the logger shall not cut trees from any areas which would result in a new opening in the canopy larger than ¼ of an acre with the exception of landings.
- A detailed transportation plan is being developed for DOTPF for use of Power Creek Road.
  - Flaggers will be used for traffic control.
  - There will be a company imposed speed limit in appropriate areas.
  - The trucks to be used are to be street legal.
  - There will be public traffic delays which should not be, in most cases, any longer than ¼ hour.
  - For those persons involved in emergency services living in the traffic controlled section of Power Creek Road, arrangements are being made to facilitate their expedited movement in, through and around the traffic pattern.
  - The log haul will only last for approximately 2 months on Power Creek Road.
  - There will be some improvements done to the road.
  - For the most part, the logging operation will be doing routine maintenance to the road during the haul period.
  - In the event dust becomes a problem a reasonable solution will be determined.
  - The Cordova Police Department suggested the safest route for the loaded log trucks was Railroad Avenue as opposed to First Street.

- In the event Railroad Avenue becomes too costly the trucker has the right to use First Street, a state highway, at no additional cost.
- There is a spill contingency plan being developed.
- The logs will be put into the water at the log crib at Fleming Spit.
- The helicopter operation will employ between 30 and 40 persons.
- There is a review of the Eyak lands involved in this operation being accomplished by a qualified archeologist.
- If all timber harvest operations occur in 1996 as planned there will be in excess of 70 full time and 30 part time jobs directly associated with those operations.
- It is contemplated that the work week will be six days.
- It is contemplated that the helicopter will operate approximately twelve hours per day.
- We have received no violations of compliance with the Forest Practices Act under the current management structure and in fact have received compliments from those involved in compliance review.

**URGENT PETITION  
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- ✓ road maintenance - the City and State should not be held liable to maintain roads damaged from Eyak Corporation's operations.

Since the proposed Eyak Corporation operations are under City jurisdiction as an annexed and AMSA area, we the undersigned request the City to aggressively advocate a deal between Eyak Corporation and the EVOS Trustee Council to purchase all timber rights in the Core Lands, including Eyak Lake, Eyak River and Power Creek as an alternative and prior to any logging. Further, we urge the City to NOT support acquisition of timber rights or fee simple title to these lands if any logging commences.

If negotiations to purchase the intact Core Lands are unsuccessful, we the undersigned expect the City to charge the full sales tax of 6% on all timber sales. Further, we request the City to have Eyak Corporation post a Restoration Bond sufficient to mitigate potential damage to the City's watershed, riparian habitat, City roads, State roads, and USFS trails.

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The Board of Directors of The Eyak Corporation have considered the February 28, 1996 offer of The Exxon Valdez Trustees Council and have concluded that the transaction that Eyak had been offered is unacceptable because it would require Eyak to terminate timber operations in the Cordova area in return for no certainty of any payment, during the extended time the Council and the shareholders of Eyak consider various parts of the transaction. The proposed transaction would require Eyak to receive a favorable vote from the shareholders to sell lands surrounding Eyak Lake, Power Creek and lower Eyak River. Eyak is disappointed with this offer and is continuing work with the Council to create an agreement with mutually acceptable terms.

Eyak informed the Council last fall of its intentions to proceed with a selective timber harvest operation within the Core Tract area. The Trustee's Council declined to buy Eyak out of its planned timber harvest. The council presented Eyak the offer with only two (2) weeks remaining before the start of the timber operations. The council's resolution indicates that the offer was valid until timber harvest operations began on the Core Lands.

Because of commitments Eyak had with its logging operators the Council's resolution came too late to stop the operations without Eyak having to bear a financial loss for no guarantee of any level of payment at any time certain. We would have welcomed an offer earlier.

Eyak has been negotiating with the Council since 1991 in order to provide a mutually acceptable level of habitat restoration and protection to Eyak's land. Eyak has also worked with the State on other similar efforts, including House Bill 411 which passed the 1992 legislature and then was vetoed.

Eyak has made a number of proposals to the Council. The first proposal made in 1992, was for a moratorium on logging on Eyak's lands. The council had no mechanism to process that proposal, and it was referred to their staff; as a result, Eyak's second tier subsidiary, Sherstone, Inc. initiated work to log again.

In a July 1993 proposal, Eyak offered a conservation easement on the Eyak Lake lands, which would convert to fee title if the corporation's shareholders voted for it. Eyak was told the easement was not strong enough. In response, Eyak amended that offer on August 5, 1993 to strengthen the easement. The council stated it wished fee title instead of an easement, and so Eyak responded August 9 with a proposal for fee title, subject to a shareholder vote. In addition, Eyak was informed that the Council wished protection for the Orca Narrows area, north of Cordova, and so Eyak's August

5th proposal contained a proposal for a moratorium on logging in this area.

Negotiations continued with the principal objectives of the Trustee Council as follows: 1)High level of habitat protection at Power Creek, Eyak Lake and lower Eyak River, 2)Limited protection on Eyak lands north and West of Shepard Point, 3)An acceptable timber harvest plan, if possible, for Orca Narrows lands.

On December 2, 1994 the Trustee's Council passed a resolution which placed a price cap for the Core Lands for fair market value up to \$21.4 million, for a conservation easement it was \$16 million. If an appraisal reflected a fair market value in excess of these caps, The Eyak Corporation would not receive the extra value in cash. It would only be considered as a charitable donation to the Forest Service. If the Council's appraisal came in less than these caps, Eyak would get less, there was no guaranteed minimum amount.

Logging operations were halted throughout 1994 as Eyak negotiated with the Trustees Council. As a result of this year long negotiation process Eyak lost a large potential for timber harvest income and sold approximately 2,000 acres of commercial timber harvest rights only to the Trustees Council in the area of Orca Narrows. Eyak was paid only \$3.45 million even though the Trustee Council's original appraisal valued this timber at \$4.2 million. Further transactions fell through as Eyak was unable to meet the ever increasing demands of the Trustee Council for control of development rights in the Orca Narrows Area.

The Trustee's Council offer of February 28, 1996 supersedes the December, 1994 offer and dropped the value of the Core land package to \$7 million with the possibility of a larger payment if they determine through appraisal that fair market value is more. The Council's current appraisal work put the value of the Core Lands at between \$2.9 to \$3.9 million. Eyak feels that the property is worth more and is working to appraise that value.

The Council's appraisal method does not reflect a value consistent with what Eyak projects to make if the timber is harvested and does not appraise the timber rights for more than one timber cycle. The value Eyak places on its property interests is to be based upon an estimate of value with highest and best use considering commercial timber harvest. Eyak will work this year to create an appraisal to set a value which then can be incorporated into a serious counter offer back to the Trustee Council.

# PHONE COMMENT LOG

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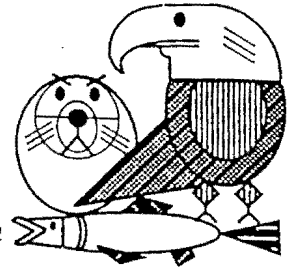
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# Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council

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February 13, 1996

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council  
645 G Street, Suite 401  
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RE: Eyak Corporation logging in "core lands"

Dear Trustee Council Members,

I have heard that the Eyak Corporation has filed notice that it intends to selectively log its lands at Power Creek, Eyak River, and Eyak Lake.

The Sierra Club and the seven other environmental organizations which comprise the Alaska Rainforest Campaign would oppose the Trustee Council purchasing these "core lands" fee simple if they have been logged. As you know, a fee simple purchase of the core lands would be very controversial in Cordova and within the Eyak corporation. A fee simple purchase after logging would retain all the problems of a fee simple purchase, without the benefit of protecting the forest and its resources.

I strongly urge the Trustee Council members to immediately communicate to the Eyak Board that you will not purchase the these areas if they are logged.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Pam Brodie*

Pamela Brodie  
Environmental Representative,  
Public Advisory Group

cc: Alaska Rainforest Campaign steering committee members

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## Forest Forever/Eyak Rainforest Preservation Fund

Dear Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustees Council,

I want to save up to 70,000 acres of ancient rainforest in Prince William Sound by supporting a timber buyback of Eyak Corp. land in imminent threat of clearcut in Orca Narrows. I support a timber rights purchase plan proposed by the Eyak Rainforest Preservation Fund and the Coastal Coalition. I want this Forest Forever deal negotiated and signed NOW to prevent logging on this land in perpetuity.

Phase One of this deal would empower the trustees council to purchase timber rights from the Eyak Corp. so that logging never occurs in this ancient rainforest. Phase Two of the deal would create a three-year moratorium on current land-use rules to negotiate the finer details of the Forest Forever plan; allowing the federal government, concerned citizens, and the Eyak shareholders a chance to iron out the legal terms (i.e. conservation easements) for how the land would be protected and managed.

Respectfully,

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<del>William Hardie</del>	William Hardie	Box 78	2-15-96
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Donald Hardie	Donald Hardie	Box 2257	2-15-96
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Joel Alton	Joel Alton	Box 461	2-15-96
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Holly Arnold	Holly Arnold	Box 7410	2-15-96
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Dennis Anderson	Dennis Anderson	Box 1640	2-15-96
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Mike Ledford	Mike Ledford	" 1855	2-17-96
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Dan Ruchquist	Dan Ruchquist	PO Box 1913	2-17-96
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Karl Becker	Karl Becker	Box 1185, Cordova	2-15-96
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Jennifer	Rose Smith	251	2/16/96
Ann Lundquist	Ann Lundquist	1913	2/16/96
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Terrence	Terrence		2/16/96
Billy Bailey Jr	Billy Bailey Jr	Box 2	2/16/96
Eike Anderson	Eike Anderson		2/16/96
Gerold Cardel	Gerold Cardel	130	2/16/96
John	John	1176	2/16/96
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Andy Hanson	Andy Hanson	PO 2795	2-15-96
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Kevin G. Oude	Kevin G. Oude	P.O. Box 1875	2/18/96
Rick Bullis	Rick Bullis	Box 350	2-15-96
Steve Vira	Steve Vira	Box 1000	2-15-96
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ENLYN BROWN	Enlyn Brown	Box 306 CDV	2/19/96
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SCOTT CLARK	Scott Clark	—	CDV 2/19/96
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ROY NOWLIN	Roy C. Nowlin	Box 1894 Cordova	2/20/96
EDITH M. TAYLOR	Edith M. Taylor	Box 814	" 2/20/96
ROBERT M. TAYLOR	Robert M. Taylor	Box 814	" 2/20/96
KATHLEEN BROWN	Kathleen Brown	Box 1238	" 2/20/96
SUSAN LAIRD	Susan Laird	Box 1624 CDV	2/20/96
THOMAS FLAUX	Thomas Flaux	"NUAGE"	2/22/96
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Sheryl Muckler	[Signature]	P.O. Box 1212	2/16/96
RIKI OTT	[Signature]	P.O. Box 1430	2/16/96
Peter G. Mickelson	[Signature]	Box 325	2/16/96
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Patricia Kallander	Patricia Kallander	Box 2272	2-16-96
MARK STEEN	Mark Steen	Box 1310	2-17-96
CHURCHAY JONES-KOCHAK	Churchay Jones-Kochak	Box 1126	2/17/96
P.K. WEAVERLING	P.K. Weaverling	Box 895	2-17-96
Dan Ferguson	Dan Ferguson	Box 1430	2-17-96
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Darlene Fargnola	Darlene Fargnola	Box 1425	2-16-96
Teresa Koenig	Teresa Koenig	Box 244	2-16-96
Suzanne Shearman	Suzanne Shearman	Box 643 Cordova	2/16/96
Jim Hartman	Jim Hartman	Box 643 Cordova	2/16/96
Mark S. Heidbrink	Mark S. Heidbrink	2084 Cordova	2-17-96
Sharon L. Glaser	Sharon Glaser	Box 575 Cordova	2-17-96
W.H. Hagmiller	W.H. Hagmiller	Box 2325 Cordova	2-17-96
John Nairn	John Nairn	Box 551 Cordova	2-17-96

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Chase Harstad	Chase Harstad	Box 2324	2-15
DORNE HALVTHURST	<del>Dor Halvth</del>	Box 856	2-15-96
ROSS MULLINUS	<del>Ross Mullinus</del>	Box 436	2-16-96
Daniel Sharp	<del>Dan Sharp</del>	P.O. Box 2541	2/20/96
David (Mike) Phillips	<del>David M Phillips</del>	P.O. Box 396	2/20/96
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Kenneth	Carlson	PO Box 1063	2-26-96

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Carly A. Kritchman	Carly A. Kitch	" "	"
DAVID P. JANKA	<del>David P. Janka</del>	POB 1231 CORDOVA, AK.	2/26/96
Susan Bourgeois	Susan Bourgeois	POB 1945 Cordova	2/26/96
Linda Lohse	Linda Lohse	Box 14 Cordova, AK	2-27-96
KEN HADZIMA	Ken Hadzima	Box 1500 Cordova, AK	2-27-96

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Don Maeller	Donald S. Maeller	Valdez	2-22-96
Mary L. Rutzler	Mary L. Rutzler	705 Breakwater Cordova	2-23-96
Geoff Steinhart		Logan, UT	2/24/96
Tania Vincent	Tania Vincent	Cordova	2/24/96
Daryl School	Daryl School	Cordova	2/24/96
Late July	Late July	Cordova	2-26-96
Brooks T. Adkinson	Brooks	Cordova	2-27-96

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council  
Attn: Molly McCammon  
645 G Street, Suite 401  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501-3451

April 18, 1996

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Re: Change of Heart

Dear Trustee Council,

EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL  
TRUSTEE COUNCIL  
ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD

I wish to notify the Trustee Council that from this point forward, I am no longer supporting any further land acquisition by the Council.

I now believe that Natives and community leaders would be best served through projects that promote land stewardship through self determination of culturally appropriate economic development of forested lands.

The relationship with the land provides the basis for the Native cultural identity. Natives must be allowed to retain the land and rekindle their ancestral bonds by determining their own land stewardship ethic - including options for forest management - as part of the legacy they wish to leave their children.

I fully realize that this may result in clear-cutting of some land parcels. But it may not if the Trustee Council and environmental leaders put the same energy that they are now putting into pressuring for land acquisitions instead into providing the people who own the land with a way to work together to build a common future with respect to forest use and management.

Ultimately, I believe that successful long-term stewardship of forested lands occurs when people own the land and own their choices for the land. The ideas for land management must come from the people, not from governments or corporations, however well-intended.

In closing I ask: Can you think of any purchase of indigenous peoples' land by any government that in hindsight was in the best long term interests of the Native people?

I would welcome working with the Trustee Council and others on projects that promote land stewardship and different options for forest management by working with all the people.

Sincerely,

Riki Ott  
Riki Ott

cc. Governor Knowles  
Alaska environmental groups  
UFA board members  
Native corporations in the spill zone  
Native tribal councils in the spill zone



*Sustainable recreation and tourism for a quality future*

March 13, 1996

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P.O. Box 22827  
Juneau, AK 99802  
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Fax : 907.463.3280

Re: Habitat Protection and Acquisition Program

As Executive Director of the Alaska Wilderness Recreation and Tourism Association (AWRTA) I would like to extend my support and thanks to the Trustees' for their continued efforts to further the habitat protection and acquisition program. In the comprehensive, balanced, ecosystem approach endorsed by the Trustees, habitat protection and acquisition is a means of restoring not only injured resources but also the services dependent on those resources.

However, AWRTA members have expressed concern about equal allocation of these funds. To date \$161.5 million of the \$375 million earmarked for habitat protection and acquisition has been spent; yet, some of the most seriously affected resources within the oil spill region remain threatened. While AWRTA recognizes the parameters within which the Trustee Council must work to successfully complete the complex negotiations, we would like to encourage the Trustee Council to now focus on Prince William Sound and the Kenai Peninsula.

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23,800 acres private inholdings in Kachemak Bay State Park

Prince William Sound: Total of 2,052 Acres

2,052 acres in Orca Narrows from Eyak Corporation

We support acquiring areas that are imminently threatened and have restoration value; however, we would like to see some acquisitions based on past damage. Alaska does not have an unending supply of wild and undeveloped land. Wild shorelines are a dwindling commodity but it is our hope that Prince William Sound and the Kenai Peninsula will continue to offer unique opportunities for the wilderness user. The habitat protection and acquisition program is the appropriate restoration tool to accomplish this end.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this issue.

Sincerely,

Steve Behnke  
Executive Director



The National Outdoor Leadership School  
Alaska Branch  
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Branch Director

March 12, 1996

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Re: Habitat Acquisition in Southwestern Prince William Sound

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As a consequence of the Exxon Valdez oil spill, recreation in Prince William Sound (PWS) has been significantly affected. Recreationalists are still seeking areas that have not been disturbed by the spill and heretofore received little or no use. Moreover, areas that have been previously impacted by recreation are now seeing additional visitation.

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Prince William Sound: Total of 2,052 Acres  
2,052 acres in Orca Narrows from Eyak Corporation

We support acquiring areas that are imminently threatened and have restoration value; however, we would like to see some acquisitions based on past damage. Alaska does not have an unending supply of wild and undeveloped land. Wild shorelines are a dwindling commodity but it is our hope that Southwestern Prince William Sound will continue to offer unique opportunities for the wilderness user. The habitat protection and acquisition program is the appropriate restoration tool to accomplish this end.

Specifically, we encourage the Trustees to focus on the following areas:

Dangerous Passage  
South end of Knight Island  
East side of Knight Island  
Chenega Island  
Bainbridge/ Evans/ LaTouche Islands

We appreciate your efforts in soliciting public input and look forward to the progression of the habitat acquisition program. Thank you for your time and consideration of this issue.

Sincerely,

  
Don Ford

Director NOLS Alaska

# Museum exhibit offers a passage through Exxon Valdez disaster

*Editor's Note: Brian O'Donoghue, who covered the Exxon Valdez oil spill for the News-Miner, gives his perspective on a University of Alaska Museum exhibit on the 1989 disaster.*

By BRIAN O'DONOGHUE  
Staff Writer

One-time beach washers, bird scrubbers, boom tenders and other Fairbanks residents who found themselves on the front lines during Alaska's spill-stained summer of 1989 will find much they recognize, a few things they might debate, as well as interesting updates, in a new exhibit at the University of Alaska Museum.

"Darkened Waters: Profile of an Oil Spill," is a collection of photographs, audio recordings, maps, oil samples and notes about the Exxon Valdez tanker accident, and the resulting \$2 billion cleanup.

The exhibit opens with the tanker's disastrous grounding. "There was no single, simple reason why the Exxon Valdez crashed into Bligh Reef, one of the best known hazards in Prince William Sound," the display states.

The introductory segment, "A Huge Disaster," offers viewers a powerful blend of photos, illustrations—including a schematic showing the gaping holes punched in the tanker—and primary source material, such as an audio recording of tanker Captain Joe Hazelwood's radio report to the U.S. Coast Guard station in Valdez. 22 minutes after his ship struck the reef.

The exhibit next offers "The Rush to React," a collection of spill containment boom, oil wipes, aerial photos of the efforts to contain the spill and recorded comments from Alaska Native villages ensnared in the spreading crude. The overall portrait supports the display's text: "...ultimately all methods of stopping the spread of oil failed."



**BEACH WALK**—A crew member surveys a beach designated for cleanup after the 1989 Exxon oil spill in this exhibit photo by Tina Baugher.

Condensing an event as sweeping as 1989's spill into quickly digestible fragments has the inevitable effect of a telegraphed message, in which major issues receive only passing treatment. For example, Exxon's \$2 billion cleanup is reduced to a series of photos, providing passing glimpses of mobilization that culminated in an 11,000-person clean-up force, which burned more fuel than the 10.7 million gallons spilled by the Exxon Valdez.

The comment from Roger MacCampbell, a state district ranger at Kachemak Bay, offers a case in point. "The earliest days of the spill were chaos," MacCampbell says in one of the exhibit's Points of View graphics. "We were totally unprepared for working together as agencies."

The exhibit was put together by the Pratt Museum in Homer with the assistance of the National Science Foundation and an assortment of other state, federal

and private groups. As might be expected in an exhibit highlighting the work of local volunteers who mobilized to clean beaches near their town, there is an Apocalyptic tone to many of the displays, particularly those in the segment entitled "A Shock to Nature," dealing with the crude's effect on local wildlife.

But update cards—one of "Darkened Waters" most impressive features—help place the overall damage to the ecosystem in perspective. For example, a large photo of a dead eagle is accompanied by this 1993 update: "The bald eagle population is recovering and long-term effects from the spill appear unlikely."

The touching photos of Exxon's \$45 million effort to clean oiled otters and birds are, likewise, presented in context. "No one knows how many sea otters survived rescue efforts," an update card reports, "most of the 45 otters monitored after rescue died or disappeared."

The final segment, "It's Not Over," offers viewers a variety of issues to take home, such as the frequency of oil spills and the proliferation of oil-based products in the American household. The legacy of the Exxon Valdez is addressed in a series of photos demonstrating oil still lingered, as late as 1992, under the surface of one of Exxon's clean beaches.

"Darkened Waters" will remain on display at the UA Museum through April 28.

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**OIL AND WATER**—Vanessa Vick's exhibit photo shows a spill clean-up worker using a high-pressure water hose to remove oil from a Sleepy Bay beach.



**STILL THERE**—Although oil from the Exxon Valdez spill is no longer visible on many beaches, it can still be found under the surface, as shown in this exhibit photo by Tina Baugher.

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Dear Trustee Council:

I am aware that accidents due in fact occur. The contamination of 1500 miles of land is a large accident. Although Alaska has been compensated with money, money can not replace a life. When a large mistake is made that should have been prevented it is quite difficult to over look. Alaska's citizens might have smiled and excepted the money, but to the remaining animals the money received meant nothing in. I like your effort to get the government involved with the NRDA though. My references were not updated to this year, but hopefully the animals have been compensated too.

Sincerely,

*Kristine Schiebel*

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Dear Members of the EVOS Trustee Council:

*As the seventh anniversary of the 1989 Exxon Valdez Oil Spill (EVOS) approaches, I would like to urge you to diligently pursue the unique opportunity you have to help fulfill the intent of the EVOS Settlement.*

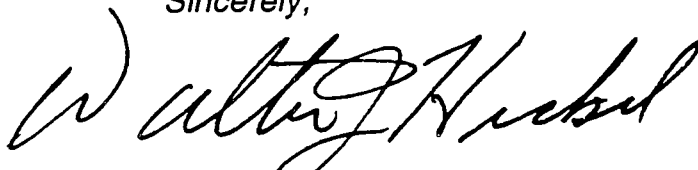
*As many of you know, when my administration was negotiating the \$1 billion settlement with Exxon, we insisted the word "enhancement" be added to the agreement. That small but important word allows the trustees not only to rehabilitate and restore the Sound, it allows you to improve the region.*

*It has been seven years since the oil spill took its place in the pages of Alaska's history. Alaskans are deserving of timely closure to at least those aspects of this tragedy that man can actually influence. For many whose lives were harmed by the spill, closure will be difficult or impossible to attain. As to the injured resources, it will likely take the forces of nature and time to complete the task. However, prudent actions of the Council can hasten the day when such closure is substantially achieved.*

*Prince William Sound is fast becoming one of the premier tourist and recreational destinations. To me, it is the finest water recreational area in the world. The restoration and enhancement actions by the Council in the Sound today will help mitigate the effects of the spill through fish and wildlife habitat conservation, and it will help spur growth in outdoor recreation industries which fosters regional economic growth.*

*I urge you to act upon the public's overwhelming support for implementing a balanced conservation/enhancement plan for Prince William Sound, and move ahead without delay in advancing a positive legacy from the tragedy of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill.*

Sincerely,



Walter J. Hickel

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND  
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February 20, 1996

Molly McCammon  
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Subject: Korean Broadcasting System Delegation

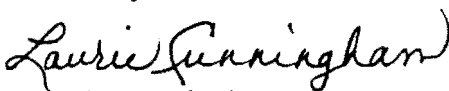
Dear Ms. McCammon,


We wanted to thank you for your assistance during the recent visit of representatives from the Korean Broadcasting System. The delegation's Alaska visit from January 25 through February 4, 1996, provided them with the opportunity to meet with a variety of experts in the field of oil spill prevention, environmental protection and oil and gas development. Mr. Park and his film crew were very impressed with the information provided regarding Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council and the ongoing environmental restoration work.

As you may be aware, Korea has experienced several oil spills in recent years that have raised the concern of the Korean people in the area of environmental protection. The documentary that Mr. Park is preparing will discuss the impacts to the environment and showcase many of Alaska's efforts to provide stronger regulations and work cooperatively with industry to establish comprehensive spill prevention and response efforts. While in Alaska, the Korean delegation was able to view firsthand many of the efforts of the State and federal governments and industry to conduct contingency planning, provide for adequate spill response equipment, and operate oil and gas facilities with an eye towards prevention of spills.

We sincerely appreciate your efforts to assist the Korean delegation. Cooperative efforts such as this, provide the opportunity for Alaska's wealth of knowledge in environmentally sound resource development to be spotlighted around the globe. We appreciate the time you provided toward these efforts.

Sincerely,

  
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Dear Ms. McCammon,

I'd like to offer a belated thank you for your help last fall during my visit to Anchorage in September 1995. Also, please find enclosed a copy of an opposite-editorial (op-ed) piece written by one of the League's directors, Sam McDowell of Anchorage, about the large parcel purchases that are still pending.

I thought you would like to see it before it is published by various Alaska newspapers (it was mailed on Monday, Jan. 29, from Gaithersburg, Md.). The intent of this piece is to congratulate the Council on what it has accomplished to date and to encourage both the Council and the landowners to do everything within their means to finish up the other large-parcel purchases as soon as possible.

Thanks again for your help, and all that you are doing to ensure that the restoration funds allocated for habitat acquisition are committed and used for that purpose.

Sincerely,

  
Denny Johnson  
Director of Communications



## Oil Spill Habitat Acquisition: Step Up The Pace

By Sam McDowell

When the United States purchased Alaska in 1867, it took fewer than seven months for Congress to approve the agreement Secretary of State William H. Seward had signed with Russia.

The speed with which Seward and Congress acted provides a timely lesson for government officials who are entering the third year of buying land in Alaska to offset fish and wildlife damages caused by the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill. The threats to completing the five to eight transactions still on the table are likely to multiple two- or three-fold if these purchases are not concluded by the end of the year.

Four serious obstacles already threaten the pending deals: First, membership within the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council could change following the 1996 elections this fall. This could prove disastrous depending on who is appointed to the council since it must unanimously approve each sale.

The current trustees agree with the public's clear mandate that habitat protection is the best use of Exxon settlement funds. Expediency in completing the land purchases is the best insurance against the chance of new council appointments, should there be changes in elected officials later this year.

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Second, the approximately \$165 million to \$195 million remaining for habitat acquisition never will buy as much land as it can right now. The longer each sale takes, the more likely land prices will rise.

The trustees already face paying a premium for uncut old-growth spruce stands on Afognak Island because of the high prices these trees command when logged. Should prices continue to escalate, the government's purchasing power will erode further.

Third, because most of the remaining parcels identified for purchase are forested, pressures mounting on landowners to use their assets will lead to additional timber harvesting. Delays in acquiring these areas -- containing some of the world's last Northern Hemisphere rain forest -- could mean losing the chance to set them aside for long-term, sustainable uses.

Fourth, as anyone ever involved with protracted negotiations knows, fatigue sets in when weeks of discussions turn into months, and months into years. If the remaining transactions are as long and drawn out as the completed deals have been, the sellers may call it quits and refuse to sell.

Having lived here since Alaska's territorial days -- 1948 to be exact -- I've seen much habitat disappear and many fish and wildlife population levels decline. For instance, the harbor seal population has collapsed throughout the spill region as has the king crab fishery. Biologists report that the only commercial fish species in the spill area not in decline are salmon.

Completing the remaining Exxon Valdez restoration habitat

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purchases is important because of these and other adverse impacts to the oil spill region.

Acquiring coastal rain forest on Afognak Island and obtaining long-term protection for the Karluk River in the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge will help ensure the region's bountiful salmon fisheries continue for generations to come.

The other pending sales around Tatilek, Chenega, Eyak and in the Kenai Fjords National Park are equally important opportunities to retain world-class natural resources. We cannot afford to lose them.

Protecting habitat with oil spill restoration funds ensures that Alaskans and all Americans receive a dividend on their investment. The return is paid year after year through such industries and activities as commercial fishing, tourism and personal use hunting and fishing. It also means restoration funds will continue to work in Alaska through the shareholder trusts established by the native corporations whose lands are purchased.

Last fall, the trustee council closed two more purchases involving Shuyak Island and the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge. The trustees and landowners involved with these sales, as well as five others that preceded them, are to be congratulated. As a result, some 361,000 acres of habitat have been protected in perpetuity or by conservation easement.

Now the Exxon Valdez Trustee Council and landowners need to continue to do everything they can to ensure that the pending

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acquisitions, which involve hundreds of thousands of additional acres, are completed by the end of 1996.

When putting together a real estate deal, time is of the essence. This maxim applies just as much to public land sales as it does to commercial or residential real estate transactions.

Neither the buyers nor the sellers can afford delays. The time has come to finish the appraisals, sit down at the table, and negotiate the best deals possible. To do otherwise only cuts short this unique opportunity to turn the nation's worst oil spill into a lasting conservation legacy.

*Sam McDowell is a director-at-large with the Izaak Walton League of America, a national conservation group founded by sportsmen in 1922. He lives in Anchorage.*

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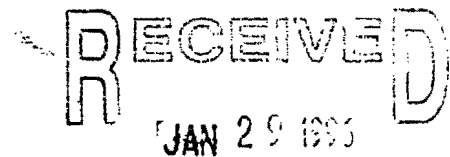
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*Warren Matumeak, Director*



January 26, 1996

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EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL  
TRUSTEE COUNCIL

Dear Mr. Senner,

This is just a note to thank you for inviting me to give one of the two keynote presentations during your 1996 Restoration Workshop held January 16-18 that was sponsored by the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council. Hopefully my presentation "Eskimo traditional knowledge as a basis for scientific studies of the bowhead whale (*Balaena mysticetus*)" as conducted by the North Slope Borough" and my brief comments at the end of meeting were helpful to you.

The Workshop was very interesting and it is clear that much good work is being done. I am particularly impressed by your peer review system which helps improve study design and the final reports. It would be good if such a peer review system was utilized for all impact assessment studies done on the North Slope.

It was a pleasure working briefly with you, Molly McCammon, and Martha Vlasoff. I wish you all continued success in your important work. Please let me know if I can be of assistance in the future.

Sincerely,

Thomas F. Albert, V.M.D., Ph.D.  
Deputy Director and Senior Scientist



# Chugach Regional Resources Commission

January 25, 1996

Chenega Bay

Eyak

Nanwalek

Port Graham

Qutekcak  
Native Tribe

Tatitlek

Valdez Native  
Association

Ms. Molly McCammon, Executive Director  
Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council  
Attention: Stan Senner  
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Dear Molly,

After attending the 1996 Restoration Workshop, which was the first one I have attended, I must say that I was impressed with the number of research projects occurring in Prince William Sound under Trustee Council funding. I think its important that the local community members hear what's going on in the scientific community in regards to their resources and the scientific community in turn hear what the community perception is. I was glad to see a large number of Native participants at the workshop. I was especially pleased to see the initiative by the Trustee Council to incorporate traditional knowledge into the scientific research process.

In response to your request for input on the 1996 Work Plan, I have met with my Board of Directors and through discussions with them, am offering the following comments:

As you know, the main concern for CRRC has been the status of the Sea Otter, i.e. its continued listing as an "Injured Resource." In discussions with the community members and Native hunters in the villages affected by the oil spill, I must reiterate that this simply is not the case. I sat in on the presentation by Ms. Ballachey and Mr. Bodkin and listened carefully to their reasons for believing the sea otters are not recovering. From what I understand, the Sea Otter Study Methods they employed included demographic information, trophic level measures, and individual health measures. I can understand the findings of the individual health

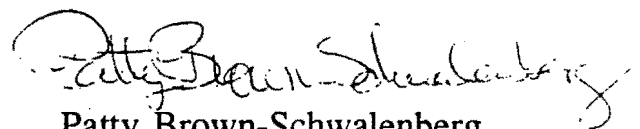
measures, but to study the population and food source in one particular area (Knight Island) and expect to come up with a conclusion for the entire Prince William Sound is beyond me.

Gary Kompkoff, who is a member of my board and Village Chief of Tatitlek, I believe, puts the sea otter status in the proper perspective when he said "If you go to a restaurant and there is a case of food poisoning, you wouldn't continue going to the same restaurant." The conclusion made by the traditional knowledge holders is that the sea otters have moved to other areas in Prince William Sound where the food source is more abundant and are proliferating at an alarming rate. Such proliferation has led to reduced shellfish, crab, sea urchins, and clams for subsistence use by the local people.

We must address these inconsistencies to implement a more reasonable management plan of action that will benefit both the sea otter management and local subsistence users. I would be happy to assist in including the traditional expertise in this management effort. Might I suggest the possibility of funding CRRC to conduct a population survey of sea otters in the Tatitlek and Chenega areas to further the research of this issue?

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the FY96 Work Plan. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or wish to discuss this with me in more detail.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Patty Brown-Schwalenberg", written in a cursive style.

Patty Brown-Schwalenberg  
Executive Director

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RE: EVOS '96 Restoration Workshop

Dear Ms. McCammon,

I am writing to express my comments regarding the recent Restoration Workshop that was held at the Hotel Captain Cook.

First, I'd like to express my gratitude for the opportunity to participate. As a village leader, it means a great deal to be able to hear first hand what progress has been made in addressing the concerns of the people and to better understand the research being conducted on the effects and recovery of the resources damaged by the oil spill. Overall, this workshop was very informative and meaningful and very well organized. The format used to present the information this year allowed for much better participation.

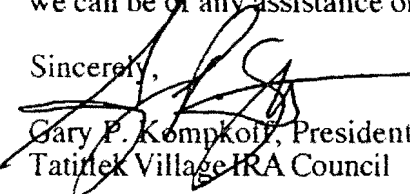
The scientific research projects have much to gain by taking advantage of the vast amounts of traditional knowledge contained in the villages. The sharing of this knowledge will be beneficial to everyone involved in the research projects and also provide for a greater degree of community involvement, thus creating a much better relationship between the villagers and researchers. In order to ensure that maximum use of traditional knowledge is attained, I urge that it be made a requirement in the project proposals-a brief description of how it will be used in each project should be required.

Over the years, in addition to the effects of the oil spill, the sea otter has contributed greatly to the decline in availability of subsistence resources. Village residents are very aware of the growing population of the sea otters and do not agree that it should be listed as "not recovering". We do not agree with the method used to determine the recovery. The overall population of sea otters in Prince William Sound should be considered, instead of relying on two specific oiled areas for that determination.

We are very interested in the ongoing research on the recovery of the harbor seals, especially the reasons for the continuous decline of population numbers. Whatever input that we can provide as subsistence users will be available whenever it is needed.

In closing, I'd like to again congratulate you and the EVOS Restoration Office staff on a very well organized and informational workshop. Please do not hesitate to call our office if we can be of any assistance on any of the restoration projects or issues.

Sincerely,

  
Gary P. Kompkoff, President  
Tatitlek Village IRA Council

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Date of call: 1/23/96 Talked to: Eric Myers

Subject of comments: Alaska SeaLife Center

## Comments:

Called re: SeaLife Center - wanted general update.

Eric provided update on progress of the facility development + science program. Discussed Mike Castellini's talk @ Annual Restoration Workshop.

December 6, 1995

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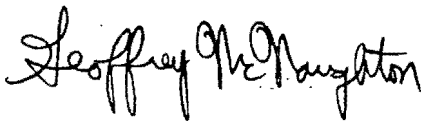
Greetings:

I am writing to show support and express interest in your Landowner Assistance Program. It truly has the potential to be the most important and successful endeavor for the Trustee Council to date. This program would focus on working with resource developers instead of against them, and could be much more effective than habitat acquisition in protecting and restoring resources impacted by the oil spill. It would also foster greater cooperation between parties than has happened in the past, and has great potential to gain cooperative funding from other sources.

Koncor has recently met with Mark Kuwada (ADF&G), Ken Holbrook (USFS), and others to discuss the level of interest and options for proceeding with the program. Other private landowners have subsequently expressed an interest to Koncor. All parties agreed that helping landowners with environmental protection during development was a high priority. This would also help ensure compliance with all laws and regulations over the life of a project. Another desirable effort for this program would be to help identify enhancement opportunities that may only be feasible while machinery and personnel are present during the initial phases of a project. This may include fish ladders, large woody debris placement, or other stream enhancement procedures.

These are only a few of the many ideas that have been discussed. There are many others that need to be further refined. We hope that you will seriously consider continued funding for this program.

Sincerely,



Geoffrey McNaughton Ph.D.  
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c: Mark Kuwada (ADF&G)  
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Date of call: \_\_\_\_\_ Talked to: Eric F. Myers

Subject of comments: Alaska SeaLife Center

## Comments:

Spoke with Eric F. Myers regarding status of the project. She is interested in the SeaLife Center and the project status — Eric provided an update.



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**Subject: Chenega Habitat Protection and Acquisition**

Dear Ms. <sup>Molly</sup> McCammon:

On behalf of the 1.3 million members at World Wildlife Fund (WWF), I would like to comment on the Council's proposal to acquire 57,000 acres of prime fish and wildlife habitat owned by Chenega Corporation (parcels CHE01, CHE03, and CHE04) in the Prince William Sound oil spill region. As you know, WWF has been a strong supporter of the Council's outstanding land acquisitions within the spill region, particularly on Kodiak Island. We believe it is vital that the Council now acquire critically important rainforest habitat owned by Chenega Corporation to further facilitate recovery efforts begun by habitat acquisitions elsewhere in the spill region. This is important for the following reasons.

**First**, the Chenega parcels offer the best opportunities to achieve multiple benefits for the recovery of injured fish and wildlife species, natural resources, and human services of any competing land parcels; particularly since these parcels contain abundant populations of injured fish and wildlife species due to the relatively untouched nature of the rainforest/wilderness landscape. Injured species that would benefit directly by protection of nesting and or spawning habitat include: harlequin duck, bald eagle, harbor seal, marbled murrelet, sockeye salmon, and cutthroat trout. Habitat acquisition for these species would result in moderate to high benefits for recovery as determined by the EVOS land parcel rankings.

**Second**, the parcels ranked high for subsistence value and recreation potential. Thus, protecting these species over the long term will provide more stable natural resource amenities for subsistence dependent communities. However, while recreation can be a boom to local economies it also carries many ecological problems associated with land conversion and greater human access. Particularly in light of the potential for the area to receive greater human access if the Whittier Access project is approved and road construction into the heart of this wilderness country begins as planned. In the absence of a well planned and ecologically sustainable tourism component, recovery of injured resources would be significantly impaired and the Council will have made far less progress in protecting injured

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resources in the spill region. In contrast, by ensuring that the best quality wildlands are protected, ecotourism and increased access can proceed at levels that are both economically and ecologically more sustainable. Thus, we strongly recommend the following areas within the Chenega parcels be secured as core habitat reserves for recovering fish and wildlife species: Eshamy Bay, Jackpot Bay, the shores of Dangerous Passage, Knight Island Passage, and Montague Strait.

**Third**, while the Council has done an outstanding job protecting injured resources on Kodiak Island, it is absolutely vital to ensure greater representation of protected areas in the spill region in order to facilitate region-wide recovery goals. This is particularly important for coastal rainforest areas that have been poorly represented by the Council's land acquisitions. As is the case in many places within the spill region, rainforest is under threat from unsustainable logging, particularly coastal rainforest areas that are of greatest importance to injured fish and wildlife species. The Council can demonstrate a serious commitment to conservation of rainforest habitat for the many species that use the marine and coastal rainforest interface.

**Fourth**, we urge the Council to consider realistic appraisal estimates in order to avoid excessive delays and the potential for failure in land negotiations. The value of protecting these resources for subsistence users and future generations of Alaskans far outweighs land values that are often based on development potential alone.

In closing, if adequately protected the wilderness values offered by the Chenega parcels will create a legacy of world-class natural resources for Alaska boaters, hunters, anglers, kayakers, ecotourists, wildlife watchers, and subsistence users. Acquiring these lands would give the Council an opportunity to create a model for sustainable resource use in the spill region - one that combines ecologically sustainable natural resource use with low-impact recreation and significant protection of Chenega's wilderness values. I look forward to the Council's decision on Chenega and the continuation of its most noble land protection goals in the spill region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dominick A. DellaSala". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'D' and a long, sweeping underline.

Dominick A. DellaSala, Ph.D.  
Director Forest Conservation  
U.S. Program

# Alaska State Legislature

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Representative David Finkelstein

March 19, 1996

EVOS Trustee Council  
645 G Street  
Anchorage, AK 99501

EXXON ALASKA TRUSTEE COUNCIL

Dear Trustee Council Members:

I urge the Trustee Council to move forward with the acquisition of the Chenega parcels. The Council developed a logical priority system for rankings for habitat acquisition, but critical areas within Price William Sound remain unprotected.

The Chenega parcels are among some of the highest ranked parcels overall, having received a "high" ranking for biological, socio-economic, and cultural resources. The coastline in this area includes key recreational sites, including Jackpot Bay. Jackpot has always been a top attraction for recreational boaters in the Sound.

Please consider the acquisition of these lands, as they are unique and priceless treasures which will be valued by future generations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David Finkelstein".

David Finkelstein



Prince William Sound

# Economic Development Council

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April 5, 1996

Ms. Molly McCammon, Executive Director  
Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council  
645 G Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

**Re: Letter urging the EVOS Trustee Council to work with Chenega and Tatitlek Corporations to reach mutually beneficial habitat protection agreements.**

Dear Ms. McCammon and Trustee Council Members:

The Prince William Sound Economic Development Council strongly urges the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council to reach mutually agreeable habitat protection deals with Chenega Corporation and the Tatitlek Corporation.

The mission of the Prince William Sound Economic Development Council (PWSEDC) is to foster economic development and job creation throughout this region and to accomplish these goals in a grass roots, bottom-up approach, utilizing the skills and talents of local people and the resources of Prince William Sound.

We believe that the land packages designed by Chenega and Tatitlek corporations would accomplish the restoration objectives of the Exxon Valdez Trustee Council and allow both corporations to retain sufficient land holdings to foster economic development. The proposed land agreements would enable Chenega and Tatitlek corporations to monetize some of their land assets for job creating venture capital and to build on their village corporation permanent shareholder funds. Both these results dovetail with our mission and provide a meaningful legacy of achievement in a region that was hardest hit by the Exxon Valdez tragedy.

PWSEDC urges the continued actions by the EVOS Trustee Council to restore the oil spill injured fish and wildlife, and the impacted communities in Prince William Sound.

Sincerely,

PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, INC.

Paul A. Roetman  
Executive Director

# Cordova District Fishermen United

Celebrating 61 Years of Service to Commercial Fishermen in Cordova, Alaska  
P.O. Box 939 Cordova, Alaska 99574 / Telephone (907) 424-3447 / Fax (907) 424-3430

April 9, 1996

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council  
Molly McCammon, Executive Director  
645 G Street  
Anchorage, AK 99501

Reference: Sent Via Facsimile to 907-276-7178

Dear Ms. McCammon and Members of the Trustee Council:

Cordova District Fishermen United (CDFU) is the oldest association of commercial fishers in the State of Alaska. Our mission is to preserve, promote and perpetuate the fisheries in Prince William Sound and the Copper River. I am writing on behalf of the 300 commercial fishers who comprise CDFU to express our support for the ongoing negotiations to acquire sensitive fisheries habitat in Prince William Sound. Specifically, we wish to comment on the three principal habitat acquisition efforts in PWS.

The areas proposed for Chenega are important to the fisheries of western PWS and to the members of CDFU who fish in those waters. It is our understanding that a habitat package involving 64,000 acres of land has been recently revised and enhanced by Chenega and will be undergoing additional appraisal work and negotiations in the near future. We urge the Council to work together with Chenega to ensure that an agreement is reached soon.

We also support the package before the Trustee Council which encompasses 56,000 acres of Tatitlek land. It is our understanding that efforts are also underway to acquire timber harvest rights from Citifor at both Bidarka Point and Whalen Bay. Intertidal and marine areas off the Bidarka Point and Hells Hole areas are important to the herring fishery of eastern PWS.

With regard to Eyak, we realize that the Trustee Council recently made an offer for some core parcels which has been rejected by the Eyak Corporation. We encourage the Council and Eyak not to give up efforts to work out a restoration agreement involving their land.

We genuinely appreciate the Council's commitment to restoration of injuries sustained by the Sound. We strongly urge you to stay the course and to work through the issues that need to be addressed in order to achieve a legacy which will benefit fishermen and all Alaskans as well as the rest of the nation forever. Thank you for your efforts.

Sincerely,  
CORDOVA DISTRICT FISHERMEN UNITED



Dorne Hawxhurst, Executive Director

# **Alaskan Wilderness Sailing Safaris**

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April 3, 1996

Exxon Valdez Trustee Committee  
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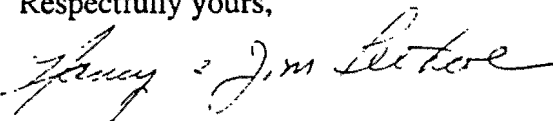
Dear Trustees:

We are writing in support of the purchase of conservation easements from the Chenega Corporation on their lands in Prince William Sound. The Chenega lands in the southwestern corner of the Sound represent some of the finest wilderness-quality recreational boating, wildlife viewing, and coastal hiking areas remaining in the United States. Here recreational boaters, whether in their own craft or on a commercial one, can find protected oceanic waters, negligible currents, safe anchorages, camping areas, salmon streams where black bears and people fish, whales and other marine mammals, birds, and magnificent hikes to the tops of peaks commanding outstanding vistas over the Sound. Purchase of conservation easements would help to restore recreational and commercial tourism losses incurred during the spill.

The ecosystem on which the wildlife and fisheries resources depend is part of the northern and westernmost extension of the Pacific Coast Rainforest which begins at Coos Bay, Oregon. Very few parts of this ecosystem remain intact today. By preserving the integrity of a significant portion of this ecosystem, conservation easements would help to restore wildlife resources damaged during the spill, thus again making wildlife watching opportunities available to the public. Since these lands were in part oiled and are the closest to the most significantly oiled areas, it is even more important that they receive some type of protection to preserve the habitats of injured species.

In supporting the purchase of these conservation easements, we hope that there will be restrictions on the types of development permitted so that recreation, tourism, commercial fisheries and other uses occur at a level that is compatible with and not injurious to the wildlife which depends on these habitats. We would also like to see restrictions that would protect archeological resources while still allowing limited public and commercial use.

Respectfully yours,



Jim and Nancy Lethcoe

Prince William Sound Seiners' Association  
P.O. Box 1072  
Cordova, AK 99574

Molly McCammon  
Executive Director  
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645 G St.  
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RE: Chenega Acquisition

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Dear Ms. McCammon:

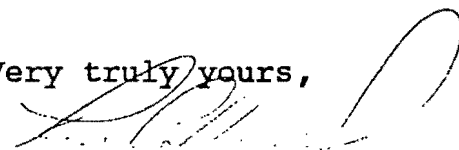
Prince William Sound Seiners' Association is a group of commercial fishermen who make their livelihoods fishing in Prince William Sound, principally for salmon. The members of the association encourage the EVOS Trustee Council to take prompt action to acquire the Chenega Native Corporation parcels which have been under consideration. We offer the following reasons for doing so:

Most of the land acquired by the Council for habitat protection has been outside the Sound. The fishermen of the Prince William Sound have, over the last six years, suffered by the far the largest continuing harm from the EXXON Valdez spill. Herring fisheries have been shut down for going on four years. Salmon returns have been late and weak since 1989, causing economic disaster to fishing families and the communities in which they live and work. It is time for the EVOS Trustee Council to focus on habitat acquisition in the area where the greatest harm occurred and continues to occur: Prince William Sound.

The Council itself recognized both the imminent threat and the significant resource value of the Chenega parcels. In addition to having high value for pink and sockeye salmon, the land provides important habitat for a variety of species impacted by the spill. These resources are important to all Prince William Sound users, including fishermen, recreationists, tourism (a growing and badly needed economic boost to the depressed Cordova area), subsistence users, and hunters.

It is time to act. Already much has been lost by the delays in acquiring this (and other) land in Prince William Sound. We urge you to quickly finalize an agreement of sale for the Chenega parcels. The residents and users of Prince William Sound will all benefit.

Very truly yours,

  
Tom Copeland  
Chair, Habitat Committee

December 8, 1995

Molly McCammon, Executive Director  
Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council  
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Dear Molly,

I am aware that the Trustee Council is closing in on a habitat protection package with the Tatitlek corporation. This is an encouraging sign and has been a long time in coming.

I understand that the package includes a mix of fee title acquisition, conservation easements with public access, conservation easements with no public access, and a considerable amount of land that would be entirely retained by the corporation.

However, I understand that, at this point, neither Fish Bay nor Landlocked Bay would be provided any protection whatsoever, and this is, I'm sure, of great concern to many fishermen and other folks around here. Why should the Trustee Council, with ample money in the bank, fail to acquire protections on the north side of Fidalgo, leaving these lands exposed to the same fate as those across the bay at Two Moon Bay/Knowles Head?

After 7 years, the Council is still failing to protect imminently threatened habitat in the Sound. Surely it is possible to construct a deal in the best interest of Tatitlek and Cititfor that protects these lands.

I'm certain that many people would insist that whatever funds the Council intends to spend protecting the Two Moon Bay/Knowles Head clearcut lands go first toward protecting uncut, threatened forest habitat, critical to Restoration, on the north side of Fidalgo. As it is far better to prevent oil spills than to attempt to clean them up, so it is obviously better to protect healthy habitat before it is damaged. It is hard to imagine that the Trustees would have any more important mission, and it would be hard to support the deal otherwise. Please revisit this issue with the Tatitlek people and Cititfor.

Also, for those areas that are bought in fee it is absolutely essential that there be covenants in the transaction that ensure, to the extent possible, their permanent protection as intended by Tatitlek and the present Trustee Council.

It is exciting that the Tatitlek shareholders now have a win-win situation with this opportunity to receive dividends for protecting and enjoying their lands as they have for centuries. Thanks to you, the Council, and the Tatitlek corporation management and shareholders for moving forward with this historic and important deal.

Sincerely,



Rick Steiner, Cordova

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TRUSTEE COUNCIL

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The ecosystem on which the wildlife and fisheries resources depend is part of the northern and westernmost extension of the Pacific Coast Rainforest which begins at Coos Bay, Oregon. Very few parts of this ecosystem remain intact today. By preserving the integrity of a significant portion of this ecosystem, conservation easements would help to restore wildlife resources damaged during the spill, thus again making wildlife watching opportunities available to the public. Since these lands were in part oiled and are the closest to the most significantly oiled areas, it is even more important that they receive some type of protection to preserve the habitats of injured species.

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Respectfully yours,

*Jim and Nancy Lethcoe*

Jim and Nancy Lethcoe



# THE TATITLEK CORPORATION

P.O. Box 650, Cordova, Alaska 99574 • Phone (907) 424-3777 • Fax (907) 424-3773



April 12, 1996

Via Facsimile and U.S. Mail

Ms. Molly McCammon  
Executive Director  
Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council  
645 G Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501-1994

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TRUSTEE COUNCIL

Dear Ms. McCammon:

We understand that some questions have been raised recently with the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill (EVOS) Trustee Council about how the Council's fish and wildlife habitat restoration and acquisition efforts will enhance the overall economic picture within Alaska. I am pleased to share with you briefly how we at The Tatitlek Corporation view the Council's habitat restoration project involving lands owned by our Corporation.

In general, we believe that this restoration project has great potential to stimulate outdoor recreational tourism as well as other economic investment and activity in Prince William Sound, including private development and service sector opportunities.

From the inception of this joint habitat conservation effort, The Tatitlek Corporation has viewed it as being of great mutual benefit to both the public and to the Corporation. In particular, it has appeared to us that it could help to expand economic opportunities for Natives and Non-Natives.

Residents of the village of Tatitlek and other shareholders of the Corporation have historically looked to the sea for subsistence and for their livelihoods. Increasingly, since the oil spill, they have begun to look to additional ways to support their families. One of those that appears will likely play an important role for people in the region in the future is outdoor recreation and tourism.

Ms. Molly McCammon  
April 12, 1996  
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As former Governor Walter J. Hickel stated recently "Prince William Sound is fast becoming one of the premier tourist and recreational destinations. To me, it is the finest water recreational area in the world. The restoration and enhancement actions by the Council in the Sound today will help mitigate the effects of the spill through fish and wildlife habitat conservation, and it will help spur the growth in outdoor recreation industries which fosters regional economic growth." We agree with Governor Hickel's vision of the vast economic potential that Prince William Sound possesses. We hope through this project to assist that potential to be fully realized.

To foster these economic opportunities, Tatitlek hopes to be able to develop, or have others develop on its behalf, lodge and cabin sites in appropriate locations with ancillary dock and mooring facilities, as well as necessary and related support facilities. As you know, our corporation indicated to the Council in its letter of December 1, 1994, that it would need to set aside a small amount of land within three of the EVOS parcels for potential future development. It also excluded totally from the land package other areas which would be used for possible future sale or development, such as the current logging camp in Two Moon Bay. The corporation has agreed to keep such limited development areas restricted in terms of size and number so as not to substantially degrade the resources being conserved in this restoration project and/or opened to public use and enjoyment. Those development rights are crucial to the future of the area since no one can fully foresee today exactly what facilities will be needed as public use of the area intensifies.

Among the areas we have excluded from the sale is Heather Island. It was not placed in the land package specifically because the Corporation hopes to be able to obtain some compatible lodge type development there in the future to capitalize on the spectacular view that island commands of Columbia Glacier and its proximity to other fish and wildlife resources, including one of the few King Salmon streams in all of the Sound. Also, excluded are shareholder subdivision lots, Fish Bay and Landlocked Bay as well as approximately 45,000 acres of corporation land in the Taznuna area.

Under private ownership, all of these lands in the habitat restoration package today are closed to public access. If an agreement is reached with the Council, thousands of acres currently closed to such access would be opened to outdoor recreational use, including sport hunting, sport fishing, camping, hiking, kayaking, boating and similar outdoor recreational activities for the general public, supported by the amenities we hope to provide or contract with others to provide.

Ms. Molly McCammon  
April 12, 1996  
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The Tatitlek Corporation also intends to set aside a portion of any proceeds which might be generated from this land package in a Settlement Trust authorized by the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. We plan to seek remedial legislation by Congress to correct tax disincentives that currently are associated with the establishment of such Trusts. Creation of such a Trust would serve as a mini "Permanent Fund" and would help ensure that there will be an additional economic boost to the region from this project in perpetuity as shareholders receive modest dividends from that Fund.

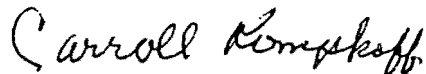
With respect to commercial logging of Tatitlek lands, over 125 million board feet of timber have been harvested from our lands in recent years. Timber harvest operations on those lands will likely conclude in the not-too-distant future. As that takes place, the Corporation intends to pursue other economic opportunities centered around the outdoor recreation industry in the area.

As a commercial fisherman for 56 years in Prince William Sound, and as President of a Native village corporation in Prince William Sound, I can foresee no better economic stimulus to our region than what this fish and wildlife habitat restoration project could bring. It would represent good stewardship and conservation of the land and its fish and wildlife habitat and other resources while helping to create and expand job opportunities. It is also one of the best actions I know of that the Council could take to protect the long-term viability of the fishing industry on which so many within the Sound, including myself, are dependent.

I hope this letter clarifies for you the general vision and goals of The Tatitlek Corporation regarding the stimulus that this fish and wildlife habitat restoration and acquisition project can be to the economy of Prince William Sound.

Sincerely,

THE TATITLEK CORPORATION



Carroll Kompkoff  
President

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## PHONE COMMENT LOG

Name	Affiliation	Phone	Address
Bill Sherrill (sp?)	Congressman Don Young's office	271-5978	

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Date of call: 4/12/96 Comment taker: Eric Myers

Subject of comments: Status of Small Parcels/Kenai parcels,  
specific interest in the Cone Parcel

Comments:

Bill Sherrill (sp?) called from Congressman Don Young's office - he was seeking an update on the status of the Small Parcel Program, in particular, the "Cone parcel" on the Kenai River.

Eric Myers explained that the Cone parcel was part of the package of small parcels included in the legislation (Supplemental) being considered by the Legislature. Eric informed Sherrill that the Senate had approved the measure + passed it on to the House. Sherrill was satisfied with that information and indicated that no additional information was needed at this time.

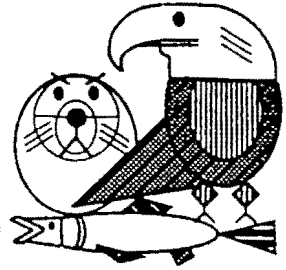
# Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council

Restoration Office

645 G Street, Suite 401, Anchorage, Alaska 99501-3451

Phone: (907) 278-8012 Fax: (907) 276-7178

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April 8, 1996

Richard Tyler  
P.O. Box 1281  
Homer, Alaska 99603

Dear Mr. Tyler,

Thank you for your recent letter in regard to the small parcel nomination KEN 261, the so-called Green Timbers parcel on the Homer Spit, and the additional information provided by Dr. George West. Dr. West's insight and personal knowledge regarding KEN 261 is greatly appreciated. In response to Dr. West's letter, I have asked for a reassessment of the initial evaluation of the KEN 261 nomination by the interagency habitat evaluation work group that reviewed and scored the parcel.

The Trustee Council shares your interest in seeing lands with important restoration values protected. Nearly 300 small parcels have been nominated for consideration by the Trustee Council. Each parcel is evaluated regarding its potential contribution to the recovery and restoration of resources and services injured by the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill. At this point, thirty-one of the nominated parcels have been identified by the Trustee Council as having especially valuable restoration attributes. Efforts are under way to purchase and protect these parcels. Several of these parcels include lands around the Homer area, a number along the Kenai River, and still others throughout the spill area.

I hope this information regarding the small parcel program is helpful and I will be sure to provide a copy of your letter to the Trustee members. If you have additional questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Molly McCammon".

Molly McCammon  
Executive Director

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Trustee Agencies

State of Alaska: Departments of Fish & Game, Law, and Environmental Conservation  
United States: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Departments of Agriculture and Interior

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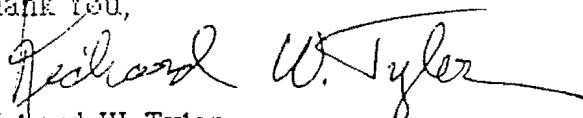
Regarding Small Parcel -Kenai 261

Dear Ms. McCammon:

I have in hand a copy of a letter written to you on February 23, 1996 by George West suggesting that some of the background information on parcel Kenai 261 has slighted the importance of this property as valuable shorebird habitat. I am not nearly the expert on such matters as is Mr. West, but concur with all that he says in his letter. Having lived in Homer for over 40 years now, I am familiar with the changes to the Homer Spit over the past several decades. The Green Timbers area was, until the 1964 earthquake, a lovely stand of spruce trees -the last of what we are told was a much larger forest in earlier years. Mr. West shows excellent restraint in his description of the barge basin and log storage development on the spit at present. The loss of this large, central open area on the spit is already affecting a lot more than just the shorebirds! The two-acres to be designated as "shorebird habitat" has been so closely encroached upon by gravel fill and huge piles of stored logs that alone it can never be considered of much value to anyone except the developer who gained the 'Good guy' image when it was first announced. However, if the city is encouraged to set aside a larger contiguous area, all will not have been in vain. In light of the vast areas of the spit which are being lost to development, the old Green Timbers property (Kenai 261) gains considerable importance through simply still being there! (I think even George is going to be sadly shocked when he returns to Homer this spring!

With the whole of Kachemak Bay soon to be added to the Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network, as Mr. West states, we need to seriously consider keeping as much area as possible available for their use as they pass through every year, as well as the same areas for the use and enjoyment of our many other summer visitors, including tourists.

Thank You,

  
Richard W. Tyler

# PHONE COMMENT LOG

Name	Affiliation	Phone	Address
Marilyn Talmadge		835-4445	
Box 365, Valdez AK 99686			

Add to mailing list? Yes ☐ No ☐ Newsletters only ☐ Technical Docs + ☐

Date of call: 4/1/96 Talked to: Eric Myers

Subject of comments: Chuck Dennis property / Valdez Duck Flats

## Comments:

Marilyn Talmadge is a property owner near the land owned by Chuck Dennis on the edge of the Valdez Duck Flats.

She called to express her support for protection of the property. She also related that she had recently sought to purchase commercial real estate in the area and was quoted an asking price (from Port Valdez Co.) of \$7/ft for a 2-3 acre parcel. She offered this information as an indication of what comparable land values are relative to the Chuck Dennis property. Pat Cochran is the owner of the property.

In general she indicated her support for protection of the Chuck Dennis property and the Duck Flats.

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To: Exxon Valdez Oil  
Spill Trustee Council  
645 G Street  
Anchorage, AK 99501

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TRUSTEE COUNCIL

From: Barbara Passino  
P.O. Box 210192  
Anchorage, AK 99521

Date: April 1, 1996

I am writing regarding the purchase of Lowell Point in the city of Seward. I feel it is very important for this piece of property to be purchased and remain accessible to the public. It is very unique in its natural state and bountiful tidal pool sea-life offerings. It has been especially valuable as a hands-on learning experience for the thousands of school children who have benefitted from organized field trips to the area. It teaches a true appreciation of the wonder and beauty of nature and the environment, and the importance of preserving it. I always come away impressed and amazed at what can be seen, touched, and learned in our own backyard. It is in a location that can be accessed and enjoyed by old and young alike. I understand that the present owner of the property has increased the original asking price. I certainly detest the thought of someone taking unfair advantage of the Point's popularity and the Council's deep pocket, but I urge you to do whatever is reasonably possible to preserve this piece of property for the education and enjoyment of our present and future generations.

Sincerely,

*B Passino*  
Barbara Passino

Wednesday, March 27, 1996

Molly McCammon  
Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council  
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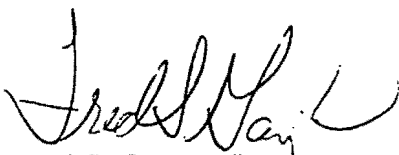
I am writing as one of many Alaskans that feel very strongly that action should be taken to protect the beach at Lowell Point in Seward, against private and / or commercial development.

As you may or may not be aware, the Lowell Point tidal area is visited each year by groups of Alaskan school children. Each, eager to explore and understand the wonders of the oceans community.

The long term impact of a day at Lowell Point is one that these children will carry with them for the rest of their lives. They leave with a heightened sensitivity and awareness of the fragile environment that we are charged to protect. They, by the nature of their experience, become more a part of the solution rather than a part of future problems.

The Lowell Point beach is one of very few readily assessable areas remaining in South-central Alaska where people of all ages can see, first hand, the habitat of the aquaculture that is so important to our state and people. The structure and tidal action makes this small corner of Alaska a living museum, a place of learning.

An extraordinary effort should be made to preserve this incredible resource for our children and their children after them. Purchasing this property is an important step toward protecting the magic and wonder of Alaska.

  
Fred S. Gayton, Jr.  
P.O. Box 670589  
Chugiak, Alaska 99567

Dear Trustee Council,

Two years ago my oldest son (then 4) received an invitation to "Seaward Sea Week" as a guest of 2 Homestead Elem. Students

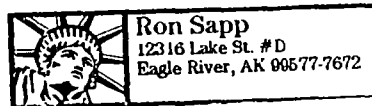
This is an adventure he could not experience if we lived outside AK. Now that he's in first grade he's excited to take his younger brother "Jido" to "pooling".

Please continue your efforts to purchase Lowell Point. & save it as the great part of "The Alaskan Adventure" it is. We need to keep these opportunities near Anchorage where the majority of our population can enjoy →

& learn from them.

Thanks for a great effort.

Sincerely,  
Mr. & Mrs. R. Sapp  
Eagle River.



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TRUSTEE COUNCIL

The Oil Spill Public Information Center  
Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council  
645 G. Street  
Anch. Alaska 99501

attn. Molly McCammon

Dear Trustees,

I am writing to you to ask that you seriously consider purchasing Lowell Point in Seward. This is an extremely important piece of property for current and future Alaskans. It is the only undeveloped piece of property in all of Seward. Having access to this area enables people to observe, appreciate, and learn about the tide pools and the rich environment which encompasses a tide pool area.

As a private citizen I would be saddened by having residential development replace this scenic, precious, valuable spot. As a teacher who participates in Seaweed activities with students, I would miss this critical environment for teaching purposes.

Please show the students, Alaska's future generations, your commitment to our environment, our future.

Don't give up on Lowell Point. It is a very important piece of property for all of the individuals of Alaska.

Karen Williams  
teacher  
Homestead School  
Eagle River, Alaska 99577

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Phone #	Oil Spill	Phone #	694-2121
Fax #		Fax #	694-1154

The Oil Spill Public Information Center  
Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council  
645 G. Street  
Anch. Alaska 99501

attn. Molly McCammon

Dear Trustees,

I am writing to you once again. Last year I wrote explaining how important Lowell Point, in Seward, was to me as a teacher and as a private citizen. This will be my ninth year that I will organized the "Seward SeaWeek" weekend trip for my school. We have had 100-350 people attend each year. Many parents who have left the school call and ask, "When is Seward SeaWeek"? Parents stop me in the store to ask, "When is Seward SeaWeek"? And parents take their children to Lowell point all summer long to find the tide pool animals.

If Lowell Point is not purchased for the State Parks System and it is developed by private developers, we will lose our last undeveloped area for exploring tide pool areas in Seward.

Please don't give up on Lowell Point. It is a very important piece of property for the individuals of Alaska.



Roxann Kopischke  
teacher  
Homestead School  
Eagle River, Alaska 99577

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From: Chuck Woodfin, Homestead Elementary School Librarian  
18001 Baronoff  
Eagle River, AK 99577  
Phone: 694-2121 Fax: 694-1159

To: Exxon Valdez Trust Fund

I am writing you this letter to urge to do whatever is necessary to purchase the Lowell Point tract in Seward.

People can best appreciate that which they have seen or experienced. Students from Homestead Elementary have visited Seward since 1987 to see and experience the inter-tidal life at Lowell point first-hand as part of an annual school-wide marine studies activities. Before the oil spill, our students were able to marvel at the wealth and variety of marine life at Lowell point. Even though the beach was lightly oiled in the Exxon Valdez oil spill, students could easily experience and feel the devastation that occurred. In subsequent years we have seen the beach cleanse itself and the life return. Students who are fortunate enough to have such experiences will become more responsible stewards of our marine resources because of the respect and understanding they have gained at Lowell Point.

Our program has grown to include visits to local museums, the marine center, the Kenai Fjords visitors center, cruises and National Park Service guides who help our students learn about intertidal life. The number of families participating has grown each year since 1987. Each year some families, whose students no longer attend our school, contact us so they can continue to join us in our spring beach walk. I wish every student in the State of Alaska could have similar experiences.

The opening of the new Seward marine science center has the potential to inform unprecedented numbers of people about marine resources. A publicly owned and properly managed Lowell Point should be a permanent, natural complement and extension of the activities at the marine center.

I can think of no better, more permanent legacy to the future health of our sea life than an accessible, public area where we can observe and appreciate marine life in its natural habitat. We have scouted other sites in Seward and Homer and have found no area which offers such a wide variety of sea life in such a compact, accessible area. The Lowell point area is an invaluable and unique resource which must be preserved for the public benefit at any cost.

Sincerely,

Chuck Woodfin



March 12, 1996

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustees Council  
Public Advisory Committee  
645 G Street, Suite 401  
Anchorage, AK 99501-3451

Sent via FAX 907-276-7178

Dear Trustees,

I am writing with regard to the purchase of Valdez "Duck Flats" property from Mr. Chuck Dennis. This parcel is imminently threatened by prospective RV park development.

This location is an important habitat to target for preservation. It is valuable to the preservation of a great variety of bird species. The location also provides rich opportunities for natural history education and recreational enjoyment.

Putting trailers on this site is not an appropriate use of this property. The tourism industry will not thrive by having more gravel pads and asphalt roads on the waterfront. I would like to see more RV park development at Valdez, however, not at the expense of a fantastic natural setting. Tourists come to enjoy the natural environment. The best investment of this valuable resource is to preserve it for the enjoyment of locals and visitors.

I am involved the tourism industry as owner/manager of the Valdez Village Inn, a 95 room hotel. I have lived at Valdez since 1972. This issue is both a personal consideration as well as a business one.

Please give serious consideration to this valuable property and give it your highest priority for acquisition.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Talmage  
President

Anchorage Office:  
200 W. 34th Ave. #1002  
Anchorage, AK 99503  
907-277-8800  
FAX 907-277-8817

VILLAGE INN, INC.  
Post Office Box 365  
Valdez, Alaska 99686  
907-835-4443  
FAX 907-835-2437

Knik Canoers & Kayakers  
PO Box 242861  
Anchorage, AK 99524

Molly McCammon  
Executive Director  
Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council  
645 G Street  
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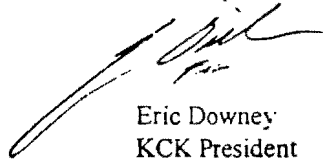
Dear Ms. McCammon:

Knik Canoers and Kayakers has become aware that the EVOS Trustees are considering the purchase of a 315-acre parcel on Latouche Island. This property also includes an inholding in the Horseshoe Bay State Marine Park. As this land has an excellent landing beach and camping area for sea kayakers, KCK supports the acquisition of this property for inclusion in the State Park system.

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KCK is a recreational club representing over 250 paddle sport enthusiasts in South Central Alaska.

Sincerely,



Eric Downey  
KCK President

PHONE COMMENT LOG

Name	Affiliation	Phone	Address
Dolly Reft	Karluk	486-8564	in Kodiak

Add to mailing list? Yes ☐ No ☐ Newsletters only ☐ Technical Docs + ☐

Date of call: 2/28 Comment taker: Molly McCammon

Subject of comments: Karluk Weir site

Comments: is from Karluk,  
Dolly lives in Kodiak and works for KANA. She wanted us to know the Karluk IRA Council doesn't have authority to negotiate on the weir site, they haven't completed the tribal membership roll yet, and members of the Council would sue if they sold their land now.

Dolly supports selling the weir site to ADF&G, especially if the money could be set aside for environmental restoration.

But she says this Council is a "renegade Council".

Nancy Lord  
P. O. Box 558  
Homer, Alaska 99603

(907) 235-8252 phone  
(907) 235-8253 fax

Feb. 27, 1996

EVOS Trustee Council  
645 G St., Suite 401  
Anchorage, AK 99501-3451

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Dear Trustee Council Members:

I'm writing in support of "Kenai 56," property identified in your small parcel habitat acquisition process.

It has recently come to my attention that this privately-owned property, which lies between the Cottonwood and Eastland sections of Kachemak Bay State Park, is on your small parcel list and is, moreover, currently being logged. I was part of the effort ten or so years ago to have the Cottonwood-Eastland lands added to KBSP and am personally familiar with the area, its resources, and its potential. Although this section of park is currently undeveloped, there is rapidly increasing demand for camping, hiking, and other recreational activities on the Homer side of the bay, and I believe purchase of this in-holding would certainly enhance recreational opportunities here, as well as take some pressure off other areas and resources in the spill area.

I urge you to consider this parcel in whole or in part. If it's not possible to purchase it in its entirety, with its remaining trees, perhaps it's possible to purchase--inexpensively--a corridor or right-of-way to join the two sections of park or all or part of the parcel after the trees are removed. In the later case, particularly if some stands of trees are left, and the logging debris is properly cleaned up, the parcel might be made suitable as a vehicle campground.

With sincere thanks for your attention to "Kenai 56,"

  
Nancy Lord

P.O. Box 2994  
Homer, AK 99603  
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Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustees Council  
645 G Street, Suite 401  
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Dear Trustees:

We would like to encourage you to consider purchase of the 195-acre private parcel between the Cottonwood and Eastland portions of Kachemak Bay State Park in Homer, also known as "Kenai 56". State Parks has intended to purchase this piece for a trail to run along the length of the park, but has never had the money. The Kenai 56 parcel is an important key for public access to these units of Kachemak Bay State Park, as well as a vital part of buffer protection for these two drainages. We understand that the owner is a willing seller.

We urge you to consider acquiring this small parcel to help preserve the integrity of the Cottonwood-Eastland units of Kachemak Bay State Park and to provide for a feasible access route so that this parkland on the Homer side of Kachemak Bay can become a viable part of local recreational opportunities available on our local road system. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Nina Faust*      *Edgar Bailey*

Nina Faust

Edgar Bailey

Dr. George C. West  
P. O. Box 841  
Homer, Alaska 99603  
(907) 235-7095

February 23, 1996

Ms Molly McCammon  
Executive Director  
Exxon Valdez Trustee Council  
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Re: Small Parcel - Kenai 261

Dear Ms McCammon:

For the past 10 years I have been observing and surveying the shorebird populations around Kachemak Bay, and especially on the Homer Spit. With the increase in industrial development on the Spit, came an awareness among many in Homer that habitat critical to the survival of shorebird populations migrating through Kachemak Bay was in jeopardy and needed protection. The Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network (WHSRN) identifies and designates critical shorebird habitats throughout North, Central, and South America in order to call attention to threats to habitats critical to the survival of migratory shorebird populations. Two years ago, I wrote nominations for the Fox River Flats at the head of Kachemak Bay and Mud Bay at the base of the Homer Spit for inclusion in the network. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), which controls the Fox River Flats, and the City of Homer, which owns Mud Bay, submitted the nominations to WHSRN. Network officials in reviewing the data decided that the whole of Kachemak Bay was worthy of designation as an international site in WHSRN. The site will be dedicated at a ceremony at the Fourth Annual Spring Shorebird Festival in Homer, May 10 - 12, 1996.

Two years ago, Herndon and Thompson, Inc. (HTI), was awarded a Corps of Engineers permit to construct a barge basin and maritime industrial area about half way down the Homer Spit. One stipulation of the permit is that at least a two-acre shorebird reserve be retained on the property. Working with me, HTI, agreed to modify a two-acre parcel at the northwest corner of the property as shown on the enclosed map for shorebird habitat. We approached the City of Homer which owns Government Lot 6 adjacent to HTI land and encouraged them to set aside some 20 acres of prime shorebird habitat on the north side of their property. This matter has been discussed with commissions and the City Council over the past six months and a decision is due soon from the Council on if and how they will protect that property (shown on the map). The Cape Lynch has already been moved and HTI will open a channel between the City property and their reserve to allow tidal waters to flood their reserve habitat. If all of this goes according to plan, we will have about 22 acres of shorebird habitat preserved half way down the Spit.

With the foregoing as background, I am requesting the Trustee Council to take another look at Small Parcel - Kenai 261 which is about 800 feet northwest of the City of Homer property mentioned above. I believe that the scoring for that parcel omitted several points that would have moved the parcel up in the rankings. Kenai 261 is at the tip of Green Timbers, perhaps the last vegetated piece of

property available to upland shorebirds on the Homer Spit. It is a prime area for recreational bird watching and also a popular spot for both sport fishing for silver salmon in the fall and for access to personal use gill net sites along the north shore of the Spit. It is also regularly used for general recreation such as picnics, walking dogs, and kite flying. On this and adjacent properties, we find Pacific and American Golden-Plover, Whimbrel, Baird's and Pectoral Sandpiper, and rarely, Bristle-thighed Curlew along with the more abundant Western, Least, and Semipalmated Sandpipers and Dunlin during spring migration - and throughout the long summer and fall migration period. Semipalmated Plovers nest here. Kenai 261 also serves as a concentration point for rare gulls and terns that come to Homer - last year we found five Caspian Terns on this spot and occasionally, the rare Black-tailed Gull was seen here.

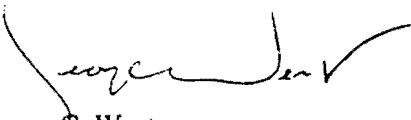
The habitat of Kenai 261 consists of gravel beach on the outside (north), and vegetated mud flats on the inside (south). The intertidal area on the north side of the parcel support populations of resources injured in the Exxon Valdez spill - small clams, mussels, barnacles, and other mollusks that serve as primary food for Black Turnstones and Surfbirds. Other mud-dwelling invertebrates live on the south side of the parcel where other shorebirds feed.

Therefore, in the scoring of the parcel, I would add checks of "yes" in IA for Bald Eagles (which hunt from and roost here) and Intertidal/Subtidal as there are small clams, barnacles, and gastropods that are eaten by shorebirds at low tide and ducks (including occasional Harlequins and eiders) at high tide. Under IC, IIA, IIB, IIC, and IID, I would add checks of "yes" for Intertidal/Subtidal, and under ID, IIB, IIC, IID, IIA, and IIIB, I would add "yes" for Recreation/Tourism. If Subsistence includes personal use fishing, then several "yes" marks could also be entered.

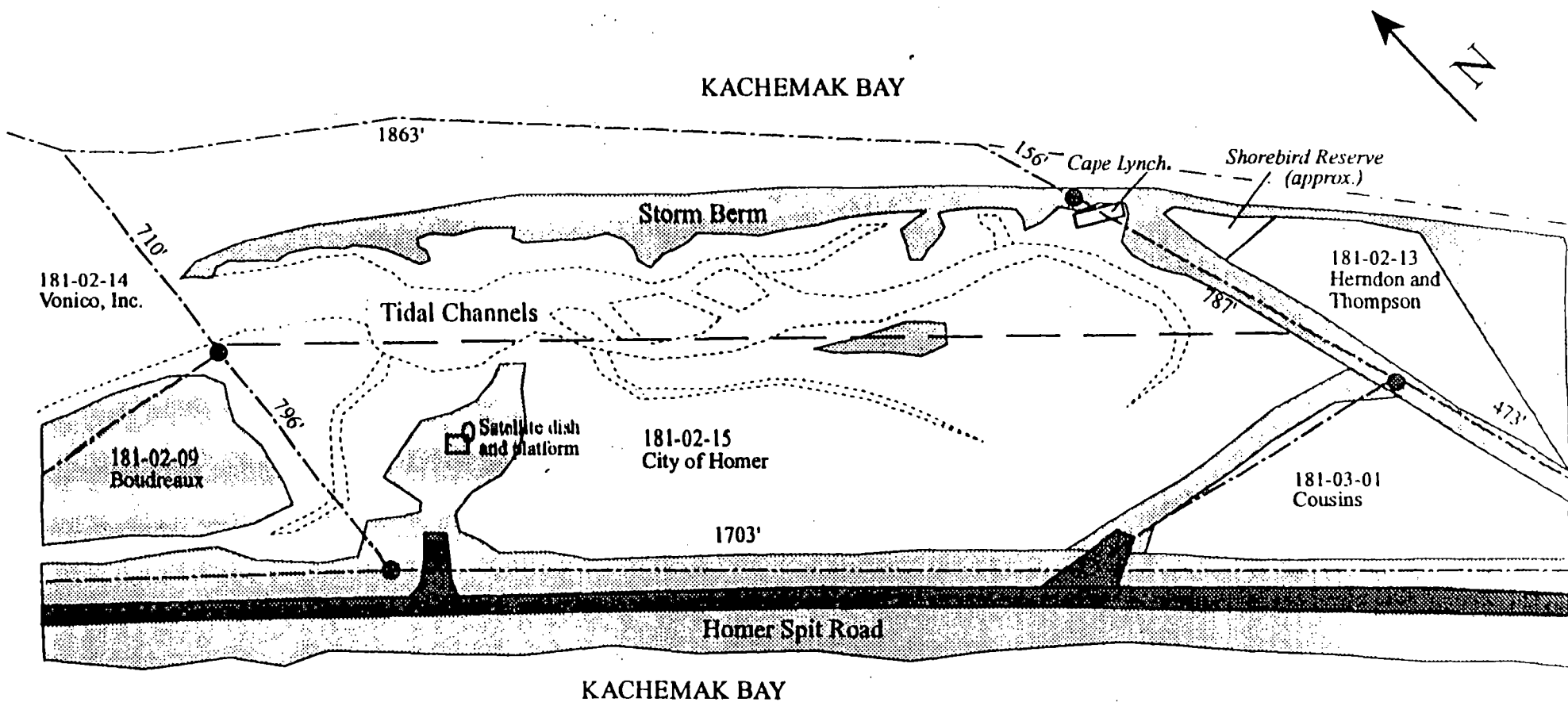
Acquisition of the Kenai 261 parcel would increase the area along the Homer Spit available for the recreational and tourist potential of Homer and increase areas under protection for shorebirds. Existing wetland protection laws have not been sufficient to protect nearby wetlands parcels (e.g., the 67-acre HTI property) and will not protect the few remaining acres of publicly and privately owned wetland parcels along the Homer Spit. At high tides that flood most of the Kenai 261 property, it is within the Kachemak Bay Critical Habitat Area as designated by ADF&G, but at low tide, it is just private property which could be filled and developed as other nearby properties. I urge you to submit a reevaluation of this parcel to the Trustee Council for acquisition and then recommend it be turned over to ADF&G for management. With the dedication of Kachemak Bay as part of WHSRN and the potential reclassification of City of Homer land for shorebird use, this seems a particularly opportune time to acquire and protect adjacent lands along the Homer Spit for wildlife and human use.

If you have questions or require further information, please let me know. For the next few months I can be reached at: 909 S. Clara Vista Circle, Green Valley, AZ 85614 (520)648-3743.

Sincerely,



George C. West



----- Approximate lot lines

— — — — — A line run from the northeast corner of lot 09 (796' due north of the Spit Road) parallel to the Spit Road southeastward to intersect with Herndon and Thompson's property line (also 796' north of the Spit Road) would result in about 21.7 acres between the road and that line, and about 20.9 acres north of the line in mud flats, storm berm, and the beach into Kachemak Bay.

Luella R. Smith  
335 Bayview E.  
Homer, AK 99603

2-16-96

Exxon Valdez Oil Trustee Council  
Anchorage, Alaska

Gentlemen:

I urge you to purchase  
"Kenai 56" acreage joining  
the Cottonwood & Eastland  
sections of Kenai State  
Park.

I have saved something  
for my now very young  
great grand children

Thank you  
Luella R. Smith

Michael Swan

PO Box 2397

Homer, AK 99603

February 15, 1996

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645 G Street, Suite 401  
Anchorage, AK 99501-3451

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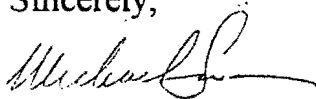
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I write to you on behalf of habitat preservation in the Homer area. Parcel designated "Kenai 56" is extremely important as it will connect the Cottonwood and Eastland sections of Kachemak Bay State Park. This 195 acres will greatly increase the value of the park for habitat protection.

Please use your small parcel habitat aquisition process to purchase this parcel and make the Park on this side of the Bay whole.

Thank you for the very important work you have done and continue to do.

Sincerely,



Michael Swan

Gail Parsons

PO Box 2397

Homer, AK 99603

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Thank you for the very important work you have done and will continue to do.

Sincerely,

*Gail Parsons*  
Gail Parsons

15 February 1996

January 29, 1996

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council  
645 G Street  
Anchorage, AK 99501  
Attn: Molly McCannon

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Dear Molly McCannon:

This letter is in strong support of retaining the "Kenai 12: Baycrest" parcel in Wilderness Reserve status. I do NOT want to see it subdivided and developed commercially.

Beyond esthetic reasons, I feel that area is geologically unstable in the event of a severe earthquake, which we are sure to experience sooner or later. If it is left in its natural state, nature will have her way and damage will be minimal.

Thank you,

*Laura Inglima*

Laura Inglima  
HC67 Box 1259  
Anchor Point, AK 99556

Georgia Jones  
4067 Mullikin St.  
Homer, AK 99603-7426

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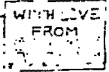
Dear Council

I am enthusiastically in support of the purchase of the Baycrest and Overlook parcels in Homer by the EVOSTC.

These parcels should be preserved in their undeveloped state and protected from future development.

Sincerely

Georgia Jones  
Homer, Alaska



TO:

Molly McCommon  
to Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee  
645 G St Suite 401

Anchorage AK

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Z

Ruth Zozula  
Box 95  
Anchor Point, AK 99556-0095

Exxon Valdez -

Mollie McConnon

Anchorage - AK -

Please be advised I am one of very many that would like to see the property in question protected as a Wilderness Reserve -

Too much development is already spoiling our area - we need some beauty left -

Sincerely -

Thank you

Ruth Zozula

## Last chance

Dear Editor,

An important meeting of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council is scheduled for Jan. 30. This could very well be the last opportunity to secure the destiny of the Baycrest Valley and Overlook Park, protecting one of the

most beautiful places in the world from imminent development.

Historically, the property has many times come close to being acquired for use as a state park, fulfilling the wishes of many. Currently, plans for the Baycrest property are still underway for development of a world-class recreational subdivision, complete with boat launch facilities, private beach access and an awesome view of Kachemak Bay, unless a reasonable offer to purchase is made.

Anyone with an interest in seeing the Baycrest and Overlook Park parcels preserved for future generations should contact the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council in support of its purchase prior to the Jan. 30 council meeting. Write the Council at: 645 G St., Suite 401, Anchorage, AK 99501.

Rick G. Kamitchis  
Anchorage

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Gail Parsons  
PO Box 2397  
Homer, Alaska 99603  
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January 22, 1996

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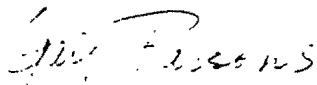
Dear Ms. McCammon:

I am writing to urge the Exxon Valdez Trustee Council to please protect the Kenai #12 Baycrest from development. This land parcel represents the most beautiful property in the state, and should be protected as a wildlife habitat and wetland refuge for current and future generations to enjoy.

The Lower Kenai Peninsula is undergoing intensive habitat destruction through logging and this would be a step toward mitigation.

Thank you for your continued support in helping to protect our natural environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Parsons".

Gail Parsons

Carol Harding  
P.O. Box 2563  
Homer, Alaska 99603  
907-235-1025

January 22, 1996

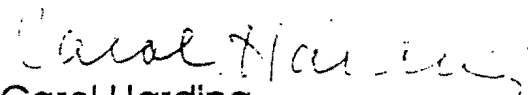
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Sincerely yours,

  
Carol Harding

# PHONE COMMENT LOG

Name	Affiliation	Phone	Address
John Miller	individual	479-5629	2630 Homer Run Fairbanks, AK. 99709

Add to mailing list? Yes ☒ No ☐ Newsletters only ☒ Technical Docs + ☐

Date of call: 1-22-96

Talked to: Eric Myers

Subject of comments:

## Comments:

Called regarding status of Tule Bay small parcel. Supportive of protection. He has land nearby + is concerned about possible development impacts -

Eric related that the appraisal work had not yet been completed as of the Nov. 20, 1995 TC meeting -

Miller already has info on Small Parcel Program, including Benefits Report on Tule Bay prepared for 11/20/95 TC meeting.

Eric directed Miller to Alex Smidarski for more detailed info on status - he already had Alex's phone #.



## United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington, D.C. 20240

January 22, 1996

Mr. Michael Bullock  
President  
Baycrest Investment Corporation  
P.O. Box 241122  
Anchorage, Alaska 99524-1122

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EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL  
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Dear Mr. Bullock:

Thank you for your letter of December 8, 1995, regarding the recent action by the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council (Council) to authorize funds to acquire a parcel of land owned by the Baycrest Investment Corporation, near the town of Homer, Alaska. As one of six members of the Council, the Department of the Interior (Department) supports the small parcel habitat protection process as part of a comprehensive plan to restore natural resources injured by the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill.

Accordingly, the Department supported the Council resolution of November 20, 1995, to authorize the State of Alaska (State) to utilize civil settlement funds to make an offer to acquire the subject parcel (KEN 12) at appraised value, as determined by an approved appraisal. For the subject parcel, the Council has designated the Alaska Department of Law to serve as the lead negotiator and to coordinate the negotiations with Baycrest, on behalf of the Council. Accordingly, during the negotiations between the State and Baycrest, the Department will carefully consider the recommendations of the lead negotiator, as the parcel would not be managed by the Federal Government, if acquired.

In the interim, we sincerely hope that Baycrest and the State can reach an agreement, in an expeditious manner, that is satisfactory to both parties. To further the negotiations, we are prepared to provide appropriate assistance, at the request of the lead negotiator.

Thank you for your interest and participation in the process.

Sincerely,

George T. Frampton, Jr.  
Assistant Secretary for Fish  
and Wildlife and Parks

cc: Ms. Molly McCammon  
Mr. Bruce Botelho

January 21, 1996

Exxon Valdez Trustee Council  
645 G St.  
Suite 401  
Anchorage, AK 99501

Re: Baycrest Parcel Acquisition Support

Dear Trustees:

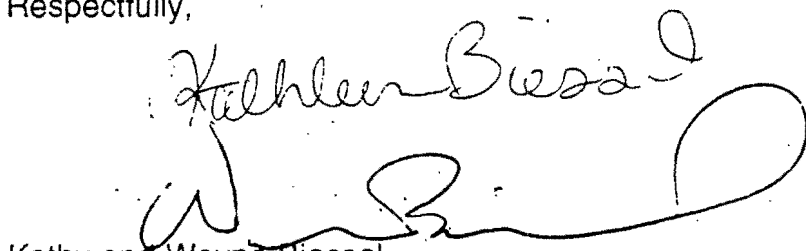
We are writing to you to express our deep support of continued negotiations with the landowner of the Baycrest Parcel (Bullock). In my opinion, this parcel (and the adjoining Overlook Parcel) contains critical terrestrial and marine habitat, and should be protected against the impending development--at all costs.

We feel that the initial appraisal appears low, and urge you to place this parcel into a "special consideration" category, and seek a second, independent appraisal.

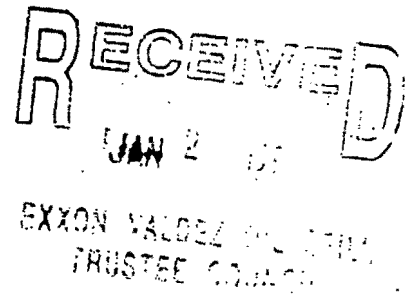
The unique environmental and scenic values of this parcel cannot be fairly included on any appraisal sheet. Its values are priceless. If any exception is made to the acquisition/purchasing process, this parcel should be it.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



Kathy and Wayne Biessel  
PO Box 1995  
Homer, AK 99603  
(907) 235-1200



Jan 19, 1996

Dear Mr. McCammon,

I'm writing in regards to  
the development of the Kenai #12  
Bay Crest Parcel in Homer.

I am against the development  
of this parcel and would like  
to be counted among those of  
the same mind.

Sincerely,

C. Stuart Standant

P.O. Box 1144

Homer AK

99603

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To Whom it May Concern:

I have been a resident of Homer  
for 20 and have always appreciated  
all our natural beauty & habitat.  
I would like to see Kenai Parcel  
#12 (Baycrest area) turned into  
a park over any other options.

Sincerely,

LmBurt

LYNNE M. BURT

Box 1170

Homer, AK 99603

907-235-5380

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January 18, 1996

Dear Ms. McCammon,

I am interested in seeing my home, and the extraordinary aspects of its physical beauty, preserved for future generations - my children and those whom I teach. Baycrest Valley and Overlook Park (Kenai 12 Baycrest Parcel / Overlook Park) in Homer, Alaska must not be developed. Please put all your and the council's efforts toward securing these lands as public through their purchase as wilderness reserves, wetlands refuges, and wildlife habitats. Many voices, committed to this community and its surrounding natural environment, will be heard rejecting the proposed development. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Karen Weasel and family  
4744 Sabrina Rd.

Homer, Alaska 99603

235-7363

21 yr. resident

Teacher and parent

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Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council:  
Time to let you know my feelings  
concerning the Boyer Park area.  
I'd like for it to remain a pristine  
park. I am opposed to its being  
developed for any other purpose.

Thank you,  
Smiley E. Houghton

\* DO NOT PUT ME ON ANY  
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Dear Molly McCammon,

I Patricia Wallace would like to see <sup>the</sup> Baycut Kenai parcel 12<sup>th</sup> purchased to prevent development.

Concerning our Natural beauty and wonder here in Alaska is very important.

Thank You  
Patricia Wallace  
4751 Rochelle Rd.  
Homer, Alaska 99603

I have been a resident of Alaska for 20 years & 12 of that here in Homer. This area is very special to me.

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Rick Kamitchis  
P.O.B. 90085  
Anchorage, AK.

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January 18, 1995

Molly McCammon  
Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council  
645 G Street, Suite 402  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Molly,

Thank you for taking time to speak to me about the proposed purchase of Baycrest and Overlook Park parcels during the workshop at the Captain Cook. I know you had a busy schedule.

As you have no doubt noticed by now, included in the facsimile transmission package I gave you, there is a copy of my letter to the editor. From my letter, hopefully, a preliminary level of public interest shall be gauged.

Thank you for your efforts in assisting to preserve this wonderful wildlife refuge.

Sincerely,

  
Rick Kamitchis

1-18-96

As a Homer resident  
for nearly 8 years, I'd  
like to say I am com-  
pletely opposed to any  
development of the Baycrest  
Parcel. It is an extremely  
sensitive area, and should  
be preserved as is.

Thank you —  
Sincerely,

Jay A. Bell  
P.O. Box 1579  
Homer, AK 99603

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184 West Bayview Ave.  
Homer, Alaska 99603

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645 G. St.  
Suite 402  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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Members of the Council:

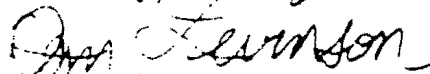
I've lived in Alaska since 1970, the first twenty up in Nome. My wife and I moved down to Homer in 1990. I've been trained in biological science, specializing in field observation, red salmon rehabilitation, and teaching classes in 7th grade, high school and in the community college system in this state.

You can imagine the intriguing similarities and differences that present themselves to biologists, naturalists and people interested in fishing, hunting, and various plant life when comparing and contrasting the Seward and Kenai Peninsulas.

With that as background, I'd like to comment about the acreage associated with what "locals" refer to as the Baycrest Overlook. I understand that much, if not all of this land is privately owned, and environmental organizations are urging the state to purchase these parcels of land for habitat. I support this effort, and I oppose any decision that would lead to development and consequential habitat loss of the Baycrest/Overlook area. My reasoning is both philosophical and practical. I have been in this state long enough to know that it has generally taken a "hands-off" position when it comes to development, arguing that there is so much unused, undeveloped land that we'll never run out; also, the state regularly argues that we need development to offset our precarious financial situation. As a consequence of this viewpoint, we can see a general picture of slow, steady loss of habitat. Land areas once known for abundance of fish, game, wild edible plants, scenic beauty and other values slowly deteriorate. Jeep trails become roads, camps get set up wherever roads cross waterways, the grizzly populations are reduced, wolves follow a similar fate, the fishing goes all to hell, so does ptarmigan hunting, the moose find their winter range compromised to the point that some look for food at Homer's Eagle grocery, etc. This deterioration occurs a little at a time, so you have to be around an area long enough to see this happen; or, you can talk with "old timers," and they will tell you about how good it used to be.

The council now has an opportunity to protect eighty acres of the Baycrest area along the bluff east of Homer, and I urge you to give that area the strongest protection possible. We need to reverse the trend of development regardless of ecological impact. Our part of the Kenai is losing moose habitat. I can tell you that the ridge behind my house is a regular site for moose browse, passageway and summer rest area. It is now being surveyed for development. This is only one small example of what is happening in populated areas of Alaska. Please help slow this trend.

Sincerely,

  
Dan Levinson

January 15, 1996

P.O. Box 3593  
Homer, AK 99603

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Molly McCammon  
Exxon Valdez Trustees Spill Council  
645 G Street, Suite 401  
Anchorage, AK 99501

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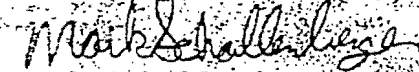
Dear Molly:

I'm writing with regard to the Exxon Valdez Trustee Council's purchase of the Bay Crest Overlook and Country Club Estates parcels, located on the north side of Kachemak Bay, near Homer, AK. I have learned that the private landowner's of these parcels rejected the buy out offer from the Council.

I feel the two parcels need to be protected from development and designated a State Park. Together, these parcels offer unique marine and terrestrial wildlife habitat that is easily accessible to the public from the Sterling highway (the public does not have to hire a water taxi to access the area). I urge the Council to continue negotiating with the landowners on the sale of this land.

Thank-you for the opportunity to express my desire to see these lands acquired for habitat protection.

Sincerely,

  
Mark Schollenberger



Karen Willows  
Post Office Box 1566 ~ Homer, Alaska 99603

1/15/96

Dear EVOSTC —

Please — Make sure the Kenai  
#12 (Boy Crest) Parcel is  
Preserved in non-developable  
form — Come see it — call  
up anyone in Homer — it  
would be a tragedy to  
be smothered by roads &  
houses etc

THANKS!  
Karen Willows

Jan 5, 1996

Dear Holly T. Cameron,

I am, as you, resident of the Homer area and a Parks and Recreation Commissioner. I beg you to please pressure the Mayor's parcel for parkland, whatever or whatever classification will protect this sensitive and unique area from development. I could reiterate all the fine points about recreation: social, economic, mental health, tourism etc; but for sure someone else will include them and am getting really burnt out on begging the 'big guys' to care about saving our planet from greed and devastation.

If you folks can accept the Tulino's subdivided, fair market value 'bargain' at Diamond Creek west of Homer, you can surely see the need for the Overtown area to be preserved.

Please help!

Sincerely yours,

Sallie Dodd-Butters  
Sallie Dodd-Butters  
POB 1223  
Homer Alaska 99603  
907-235-5994

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5146 East Rd  
Homer AK 99615  
January 11, 1996

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Council  
645 G Suite 401  
Anchorage AK 99510

Att. Molly McCannion

I am writing to ask you to purchase the Cravlock  
park parcel 2 mi west of Homer.

This parcel of land is extremely important to both the  
marine intertidal and forest ecosystems. Please execute  
the purchase at the very earliest time possible.  
Thank you,

Respectfully,

Jane Middleton

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JAN 13 1996

# PHONE COMMENT LOG

Name	Affiliation	Phone	Address
Jim Pfeiffer	None	263-5273	2150 Belmont Dr. Anchorage 99577

Add to mailing list? Yes ☒ No ☐ Newsletters only ☒ Technical Docs + ☐

Date of call: 12/22/95 Comment taker: LG Evans

Subject of comments: Lowell Point Small Parcel in Seward

## Comments:

Adjoining property owners to this parcel feel that they have not been consulted about this prospective change in land management. Expressed concerns about public use & said that the neighbors are apprehensive about changes in public use.

(I provided Mr Pfeiffer with a packet of info re: small parcel process & this parcel in particular which he planned to share & discuss with the other landowners over the holidays)

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Molly McCammon  
 Executive Director  
 Exxon Valdez Trustee Council  
 645 G Street  
 Anchorage, Alaska 99501-3451

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Dear Ms McCammon;

DNR is requesting that the Exxon Valdez Trustee Council consider the parcel KEN-1038, recently nominated for habitat protection by Mr. Louis B. Schilling as a parcel meriting special consideration. The Schilling parcel has approximately 644 feet of Kenai River frontage and provides important habitat for injured resources such as pink salmon and Dolly Varden as well as providing support for services such as recreation, tourism and sportfishing which were affected by the oil spill. The parcel is adjacent to the Kenai Peninsula Visitors Center and the river frontage is the site of a planned extension of the Fish Walk from the Visitor's Center.

Please consider this parcel as a Parcel Meriting Special Consideration for acquisition.

Sincerely,

  
 Marty K. Rutherford  
 Deputy Commissioner

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April 19, 1996

Molly McCammon  
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Exxon Valdez Trustee Council  
645 G Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501-3451


Dear Ms McCammon,

DNR is requesting that the Exxon Valdez Trustee Council consider the parcels KEN-1039, KEN-1040, and KEN-1041, recently nominated for habitat protection by Mr. Leo Oberts as parcels meriting special consideration. Mr. Oberts owns parcels located along the Kenai River at Big Eddy, Honeymoon Cove, and near Eagle Rock. These parcels are extremely important to the Department of Natural Resources as they are adjacent to some of the most heavily fished sections of the river and contain key habitats for injured resources such as pink salmon and Dolly Varden, as well as other fish species such as chinook and coho salmon. The Big Eddy parcel, which scored an 18 in the Habitat Evaluation Process, has been the site of intense recreational use for many years. Trespass recreational use of the property is common, with access occurring by foot and by boat. This is one of the most popular fishing spots on the river and is adjacent to the Kobylarz property that the Trustee Council is negotiating to purchase.

While Mr. Oberts' other parcels did not score as highly they are also significant to the entire Kenai River Ecosystem in that they provide essential fish habitat that contributes to the overall health of the area's sport, subsistence and commercial fisheries.

Please consider these parcels as Parcels Meriting Special Attention for acquisition.

-Sincerely,

  
Marty K. Rutherford  
Deputy Commissioner

**Parcel ID: KEN 1038**  
**Schilling**

**Rank:** PMSC      **Acreage:** 5.9      **Agency Sponsor:** ADNR

**Location:** Portion of Section 31 & 32 of T5N, R10W, S.M.,  
Lots 1B & 3 Fisherman's Square

**Landowner:** Louis B. Schilling & Michael Schilling

**Address:** 47 Spur View Drive  
Kenai, Alaska 99611

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This parcel is located on the Kenai River, adjacent to the Kenai Peninsula Visitors Center. The parcel slopes gently to the Kenai River, is wooded with spruce and birch trees, and has approximately 644' of Kenai River frontage. This parcel provides habitat for pink salmon and Dolly Varden as well as providing support for services such as recreation and tourism that were affected by the oil spill.

The primary restoration benefit of acquisition of this parcel would be to protect habitat for pink salmon and enhance public recreation in the area. If acquired, ADNR, Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation would manage the parcel in a manner which would protect environmentally sensitive river frontage and provide recreational opportunities for the public on the remainder of the parcel.




**HABITAT PROTECTION  
SMALL PARCELS  
KENAI PENINSULA, ALASKA**

**Parcel: KEN1038**

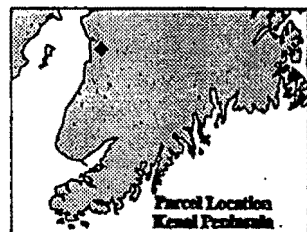
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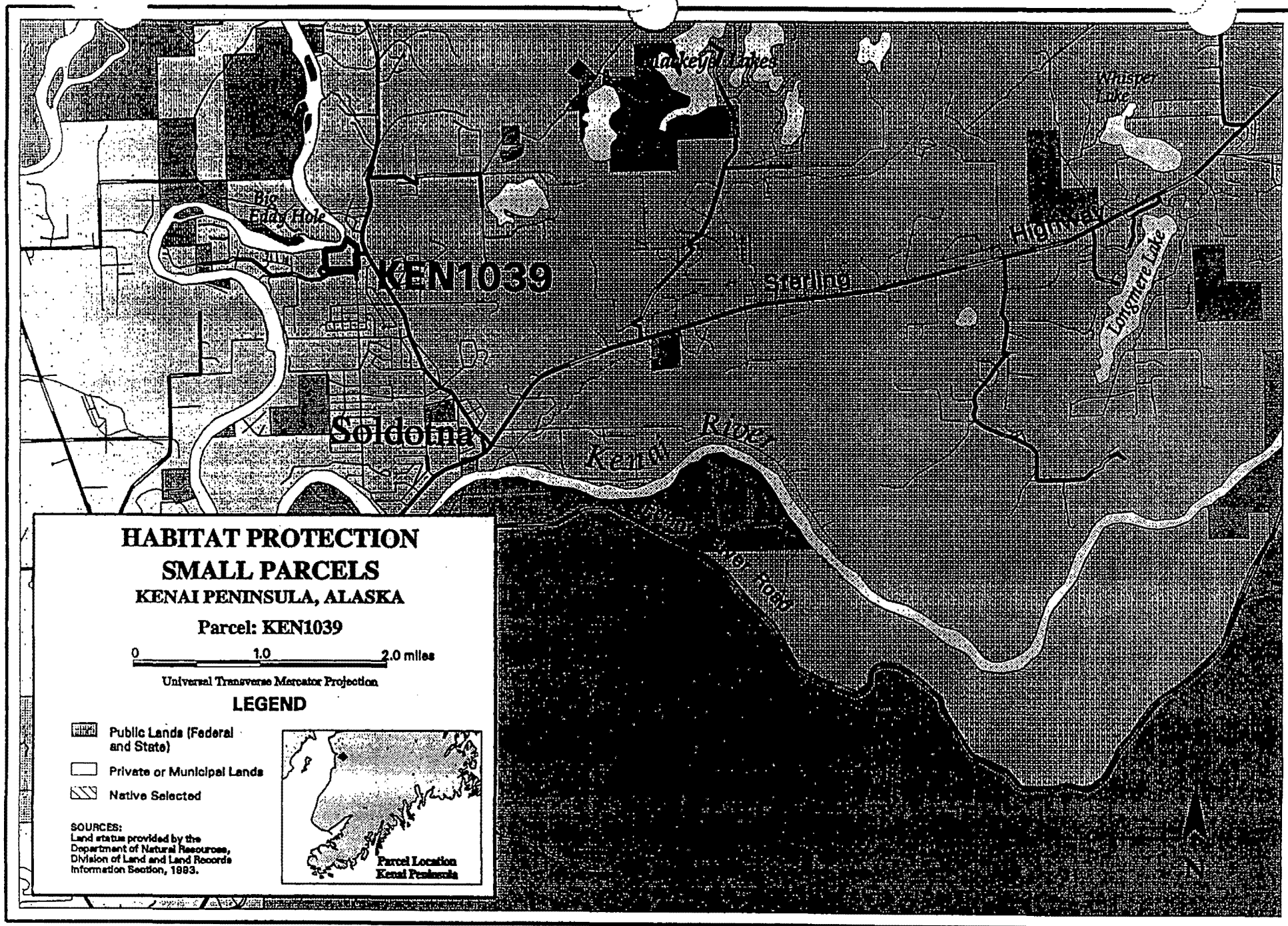
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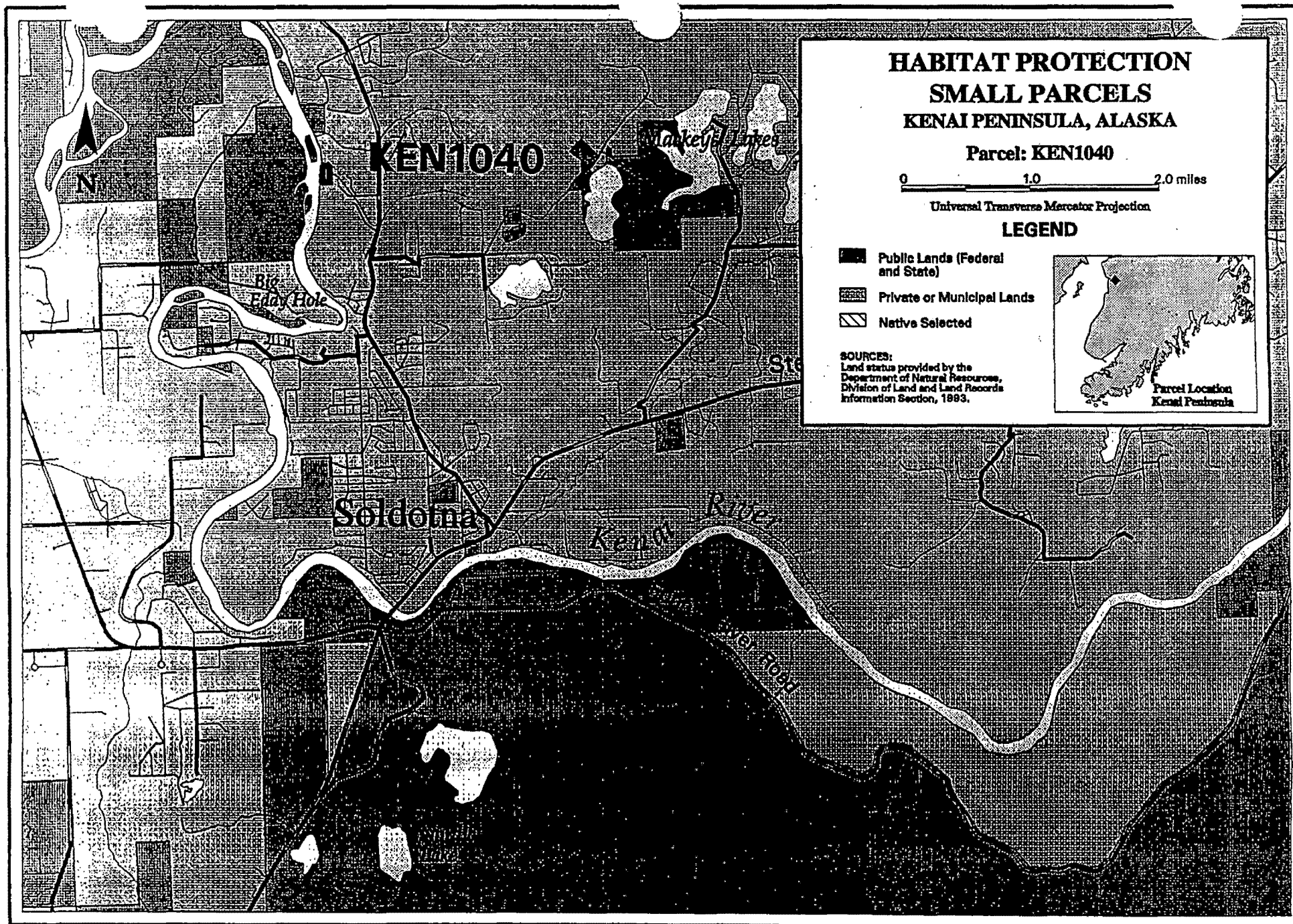
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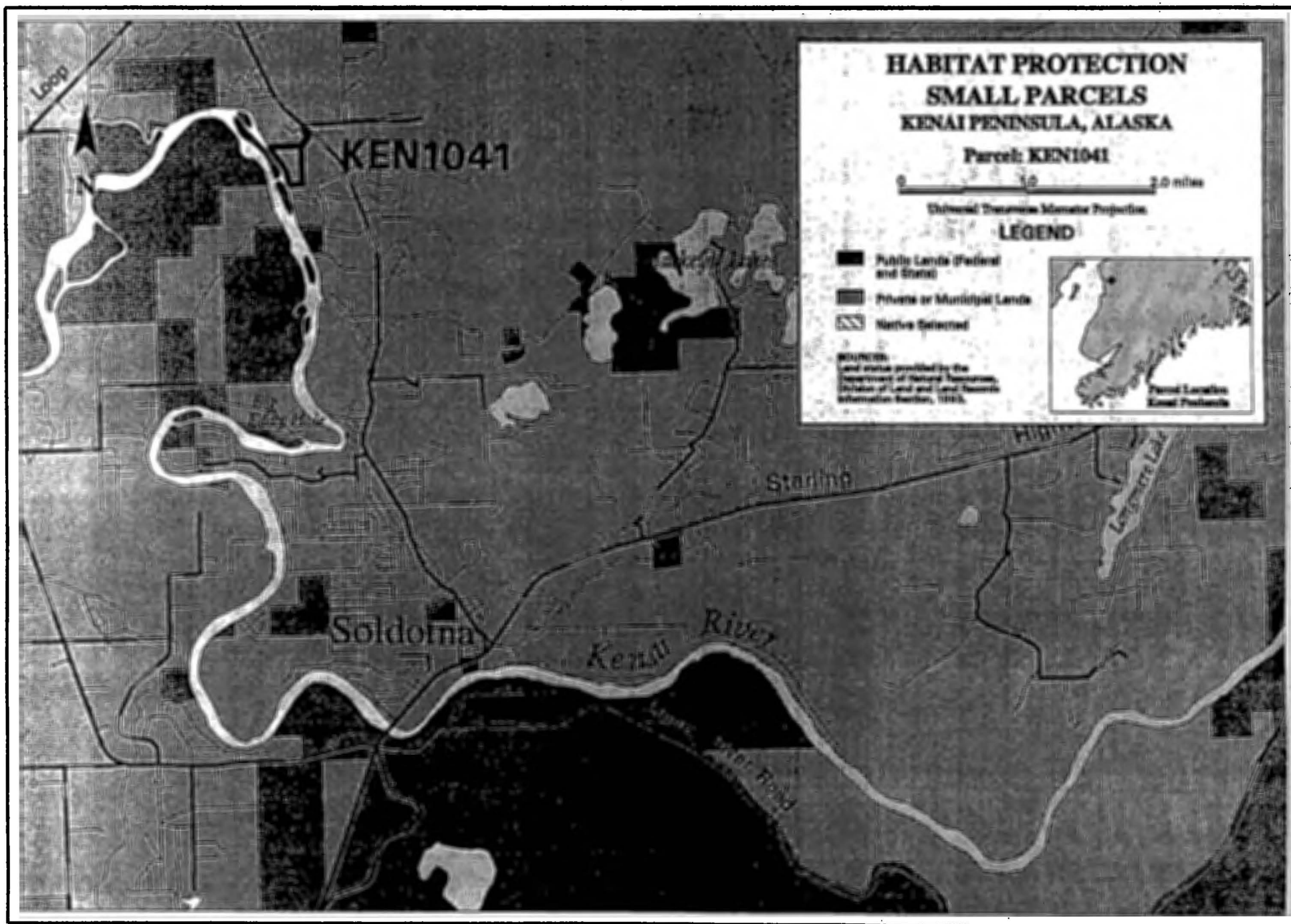
-  Public Lands (Federal and State)
-  Private or Municipal Lands
-  Native Selected

**SOURCES:**  
Land status provided by the  
Department of Natural Resources,  
Division of Land and Land Records  
Information Section, 1993.









## PHONE COMMENT LOG

Name	Affiliation	Phone	Address
Colleen Rankin		(907) 486-2848	
Box 1822, Kodiak AK 99615			

Add to mailing list? Yes ☒ No ☐ Newsletters only ☒ Technical Docs + ☐

Date of call: 4/10/96 Comment taker: Eric Myers

Subject of comments: Large Parcel Program - Northern Adognak

## Comments:

Ms. Rankin called with a question regarding the scoring of the ADJV 03/Laura-Paul's Lake parcel. The parcel was scored at 78; the math was not clear to her.

Eric described the formula used by the Habitat Work Group & clarified how the scoring number was computed.

In general Ms. Rankin expressed her support for the protection of Northern Adognak/ADJV, expressed concern about the logging impacts on the area ("I'm watching the area get shaved.") and encouraged the Trustee Council to move forward with an ADJV protection agreement as soon as possible.

She asked to be added to the mailing list (Newsletters only). Eric had a copy of the Annual Report sent to her as well.

# CHENEGA BAY IRA COUNCIL

P.O. Box 8079 Chenega Bay, Alaska 99574-8079 Phone (907) 573-5132 Fax (907) 573-5120

May 30, 1996

EVOS Trustee Council  
Attn: Molly McCammon  
Executive Director  
645 G Street, Suite 401  
Anchorage, AK 99501

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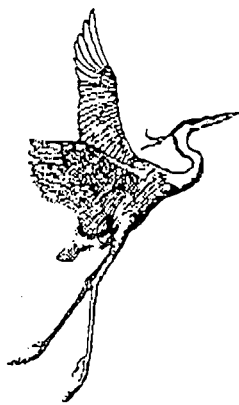
Dear Molly;

When I sent the resolution in regards to the sale of Chenega land I thought that would be enough to convince you that the people of this village who live here are not in favor of the land sale under negotiation between the Trustee Council and Chenega Corporation. Our views are ignored while the views of the environmental organizations are taken as what the people want. We don't think it's fair and we urge you to give us fair treatment.

Respectfully,

*Donald P. Kompkoff Sr.*

Don Kompkoff  
Native Village of Chenega  
P.O. Box 8079  
Chenega Bay, AK 99574-5132



Nancy Bird

~~Content Photographs~~

P.O. Box 1185 Cordova, Alaska 99574 U.S.A.

Telephone (907) 424-7466

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May 31, 1996

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To Eros Trustee Council

I will be unable to testify this afternoon but want to reiterate my strong support for conservation easements and fee simple purchase on lands in Prince William Sound.

Thank you for your efforts. I believe a deal can be reached that is good for all parties.

Nancy Bird