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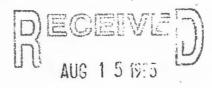
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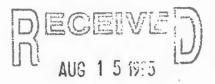
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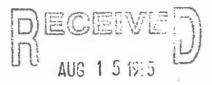
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Dear Molly,

I am writing to endorse acquisition by the EVOS Trustee Council of lands owned by the Kenai Natives Association (KNA) in the Small Parcel Habitat Protection Process. These lands within the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge are exposed to the intense development pressures common on the Kenai Peninsula. On a recent overflight, it was obvious that, unless protected, the Stephanka Tract will be overwhelmed by the small-lot subdivisions which now crowd the banks of the Kenai River immediately downstream. The recent spate of flooding provided more reasons why additional human "improvements" are inappropriate along the Kenai.

In addition to the EVOS restoration values presented by these lands, the KNA properties are part of a negotiated 15,545 acre package. This package is widely supported by Alaska's congressional delegation, by conservationists, and by the Kenai Native community. This truly is a win-win-win proposition.

I encourage your acquisition of the KNA lands in the EVOS Small Parcel Process.

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The Honorable Bruce Babbitt Secretary Department of the Interior 1849 C Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20240

#### Dear Secretary Babbitt:

We are writing to express our support for a land exchange/acquisition package involving the Kenai Natives Association Inc. (KNA) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) on the Kenai Peninsula. Under the congressionally-mandated exchange/acquisition package, KNA would receive a combination of lands and funding from the PWS for lands within the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge. The package would provide KNA with a developable land hase and the financial means to pursue economic development activities. The package would also address a long-standing inequity dating back to the 1970s.

In terms of natural resource protection, the negotiated package would protect highvalue fish and wildlife habitat in the refuge, improve FWS refuge management, promote the Excen Valdez oil spill (EVOS) restoration effort and help protect salmon spawning habitat on the Kenai River and associated tributaries, as part of the overall Kenai River watershed.

In order to implement the terms of the package, we strongly recommend that the Department secure the necessary funding for the acquisition component of the package as expeditiously as possible. We support the use of additional funds from the federal restitution settlement as well as the use of civil funds administered by the joint federal-state EVOS Trustee Council to implement the terms of the package.

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On September 8, 1993, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and KNA reached agreement on the exchange and acquisition package. Punding and completion of this agreement has been pending since that time. We also encourage you to consider the use of other funding sources, including LWCF, the North American Wetlands Conservation Fund as well as private funding sources.

Representative Don Your

Chairman

House Resources/Committee

Sincerely,

Representative George Miller Ranking Minority Member House Resources Committee

ce: Honorable Daniel R. Glickman Secretary, Department of Agriculture

> Honorable James Baker Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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May 31, 1995

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Reference: Nominating University lands at Jack Bay for purchase by the Oil Spill Trustee Council

Dear Mr. Epstein,

The Alaska Wilderness Recreation and Tourism Association (AWRTA) is requesting that the University of Alaska consider nominating a 900 acre parcel at Jack Bay for possible purchase by the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council. The land is adjacent to the Jack Bay State Marine Park, and the Division of State Parks is willing to be the agency sponsor so that the property can be considered for purchase by the Trustees under the small parcel acquisition process.

This property contains important wildlife habitat for species that were hurt by the spill. Several of our members have provided the Oil Spill Trustees with biological survey information of the area. We believe that the Oil Spill Trustees are interested in entering negotiations with the University to purchase this parcel at fair market value. The University must nominate this parcel for consideration however, before the Oil Spill Trustees can enter into negotiations.

The University has so far declined to nominate this 900 acre parcel. Presumably this is because your office believes that the land is suitable for future development and greater profit. While the University's Jack Bay property may initially appear to hold promise for development, a closer look at the characteristics of the property and its recent history indicate that it may hold little promise for more profitable future development. We believe that when these factors are considered, the University may find that selling this land to the Oil Spill trustees is its "highest and best use".

1) The physical characteristics of the property are not conducive to development or human habitation.

The State proposed to subdivide this land in the early 80's as part of a large proposed residential development on the south side of Jack Bay, but greatly reduced the scale of this project after initial field assessments showed the area to be poorly suited for habitation. Steep, rugged terrain, shallow, saturated soils, and limited access were among the reasons that the state eventually offered only twelve 20-acre

homesteads on the eastern portion of the original, much larger project area. These homesteads have not been very "successful," in the sense that a number of them were returned to the state at least once because of inaccessibility, scarcity of cabin sites, high cost of surveying, and remoteness. Although scenic, the area is impractical for even recreational cabins. Most of the terrain consists of steep slopes, ridges, and narrow stream valleys. As is typical for this region, the only flat, open areas are saturated muskeg bogs.

Other relevant physical considerations identified in DNR's preliminary assessment included the following. The potential for erosion of cleared areas is high, and localized soil instability is a concern. Geological hazards identified in the assessment included risk of avalanche due to heavy snowfall, deep winter snowpack, and steep slopes; high winds, [with attendant tree-throw and boat mooring risks]; and high earthquake and tsunami hazard.

Access to the property from the bay is problematic. To the comments made in the preliminary report we would add from our own experience that there are no protected mooring sites, and the least exposed sites occur inside the two inlets at the mouths of Gregorooff and Levshakoff Creeks. The intertidal zone in these inlets is quite broad with gently sloping muddy bottoms, and boats would have to be moored a minimum of several hundred feet offshore to avoid stranding at low tide. Also, as discussed below, these inlets and the streams that empty into them contain the most productive and sensitive wildlife habitat in the area, and it is likely that Army Corps of Engineers permits to construct docks or to make other near-shore modifications in these inlets would be difficult to obtain.

## 2) Stringent zoning and DEC regulations pose substantial obstacles to developing this remote site.

The University property is part of the area originally proposed for subdivision and subsequently rejected by DNR. About one-third of the parcel, including nearly all of the shoreline property, lies inside Valdez city limits, although it is 15 miles by water from the actual city. The Valdez Planning Department has reiterated that all development inside city limits must conform to building, fire, electrical, plumbing, and zoning codes. These restrictions would create considerable difficulty for a developer in this remote site; it would also be impossible for the city to provide many services here. For this reason, the city formally objected to DNR's plans to develop any of the land that fell within city boundaries. Also, the Valdez subdivision code states that no lot line shall cross a municipal boundary, which limits potential lot layout.

A preliminary site assessment failed to find soil conditions suitable for septic systems throughout the original DNR project area, including the University property. DEC will not permit outhouses or septic tanks here; human waste treatment must be self contained, as with incendiary or composting toilets (the latter is not feasible in a recreational cabin that freezes). Safe drinking water supply is likely to be a problem; the most probable water sources would be deep and costly wells in bedrock or rain water eatchment. Surface water from streams would have to be treated because of the prevalence of wild mammals in the area.

## 3. The property contains and is adjacent to important wildlife habitat which may interfere with obtaining necessary permits.

Gregoreoff, Levshakoff, and the unnamed stream that lies between them are responsible for about 40% of the pink salmon that spawn in Jack Bay (a biannual average of 28,400 salmon, according to ADF&G records). The lower reaches of the streams, intertidal zone, and estuaries receive concentrated seasonal use by Bald Eagles, black bears, river otters, and harbor seals, as well as other species that rely on spawning salmon. Eagle nesting on the property is probable, given the abundance of young eagles near the streams during the summer.

Harlequin Ducks use the estuaries to forage and rear their broods. An ADF&G Harlequin Duck study found three females nesting along Gregoreoff Creek in 1991, an unusually large number for a stream of this size. Both estuaries are used for brood rearing and foraging, and the ducks are frequently concentrated while resting on intertidal rocks here. A severe decline in Harlequin Duck reproductive success coinciding with the Exxon Valdez oil spill has caused ADF&G and the US Fish and Wildlife Service to be particularly concerned about potential impacts to this duck's habitat. Due to more pervasive and long term declines, this species may be added to the "threatened" species list before long. Human activities have been documented to have detrimental effects on this shy species during the brood rearing stage.

In the early 80's ADF&G repeatedly objected to DNR's plans to subdivide land on the south side of Jack Bay because of the important wildlife habitat found there. Now, following extensive damage to certain species and their habitats resulting from the oil spill, regulatory agencies are even more critical of compromises to shore-line habitats. Alteration of the intertidal, beach, or riparian areas requires an Army Corps of Engineers wetland permit; Fish and Wildlife Service and ADF&G are likely to be critical of alterations to this sensitive habitat because of concentrated salmon, eagle, Harlequin Duck, and bear use of these small areas.

4. AWRTA's Interest in this land: AWRTA represents recreational users and tourism businesses. Jack Bay is important to a number of recreational users and tourism companies including recreational and commercial sport fishing, kayaking/camping, and tour boat operators. The mouth of Jack Bay is used extensively by sport fishermen and charter boat operators. A study by the Prince William Sound Aquaculare Association found that fishermen enjoyed the scenic and aesthetic qualities of their trips as much as catching fish. Loss of scenic quality could adversely affect the popularity of Valdez as a charter sport fishing destination or reduce the rates charter boat operators could charge. The Jack Bay State Marine Park attracts visitors. Addition of the University Land to the State Marine Park would provide room for expansion of a trails and tent camping system to accommodate increased recreational and tourism use. Some 40 percent of all visitors to Prince William Sound pass through the Valdez Narrows across the mouth of Jack Bay. The property includes 4 miles of shoreline and adjacent uplands that is highly visible from passing tour boats and sport fishing boats. Residential or commercial development or timber harvest here is likely to detract from the impressive vista.

AWRTA has an interest in maintaining the natural beauty of principal tourist attractions in the state, since the health of the tourism industry is directly affected by visitors' impressions. It should

come as no surprise that we would prefer to see this land become part of the Jack Bay State Marine Park than to be developed. However, we also believe that the University is likely to profit by reconsidering their option to make this land available for purchase by the Trustees. There are several considerations that are likely to limit the potential for revenue generation from this property. We offer the following information in the hope that it will encourage your office to investigate this property and your option to sell it.

In addition to our own familiarity with Jack Bay, we have done a bit of research on the adjacent State homestead disposal area, which was originally intended to include the land that has since been deeded to the University. Our information comes from the following sources, available in the Jack Bay Project files in the Anchorage DNR Public Lands Office: Jack Bay Subdivision GSC 497 Step 1 Evaluation Report (OceanTech); DNR Division of Land and Water Management proposed Jack Bay homestead/subdivision conveyance "Preliminary Decision," "Final Finding," and attached documents. We have also spoken with a number of ADF&G and USF&WS hiologists about wildlife issues, in addition to reviewing comments made by ADF&G in the above documents

In conclusion, while the property is relatively close to Valdez and attractive from a distance, realistic opportunities for development are probably rather limited by the physical features of the land itself, its location, and political concerns. If the land is nominated by the University, it seems likely that the Trustees will seriously consider purchasing it: as well as meriting conservation from a biological standpoint, it is also adjacent to the existing Jack Bay State Marine Park, and the general area receives considerable recreational use by the public.

The University may very well find that selling this land to the Oil Spill Trustees is the best economic use for this land. You probably do not need to be reminded that this is likely to be the only opportunity the State has to make such an offer, and that the deadline for nominations is approaching quickly.

We hope that you find this information useful, and that you keep your options open by nominating this parcel to the Oil Spill Trustees.

Sincerely,

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Nancy R. Lethcoe, President

Jim and Nancy Lethcoe, Alaskan Wilderness Sailing Safaris

Stan and Mary Helen Stephens, Stan Stephens' Charters

Kevin Hufford, Prince William Sound Express

David Lindeau, Dave's Marine

Jim Heston, Seaview Charters

Ed Davis, recreational user

Bill Copeland, Donna Lane, Raven Charters

Ms. Molly McCammon
Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council Restoration Office
645 "G" Street
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Ms. McCammon:

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I am writing to provide your office with some background information about a parcel of land in Jack Bay that has been nominated for the small parcel acquisition process by the University of Alaska. I own land in the nearby state homestead disposal and have an interest in the continued ecological health of the area. Although the University does not appear to have plans for this land at the present time, residential development or timber harvest is likely to be their preferred option at some time in the future.

The following comments are based on field notes and recollections from 5 visits I have made to the area since 1991, as well as information gleaned from various referenced sources. I should mention that I have a M.S. in biology with research experience in avian ecology; my interest in the local fauna is, therefore, more focused than in might otherwise be.

The University owns ± 940 acres, with roughly 4.5 miles of shore line, between Tongue Point and the state homestead disposal area (see attached plat map). The shore line includes boulder-strewn and low cliffy areas, beaches with beachgrass, and fairly extensive intertidal mudflats with mussel beds. Three streams with substantial pink salmon runs terminate on the property. Large, dense seagrass beds occur in the estuary at the mouth of Gregoreoff (and, as I recall, also Levshakoff) Creek. Upland habitats include old growth spruce-hemlock forest on gentle to steep slopes with muskeg on terraces.

I have been repeatedly impressed by the diversity and abundance of wildlife occuring on and adjacent to the University land (relative to nearby areas in eastern Prince William Sound), due primarily to the presence of the three pink and chum salmon spawning streams, the broad intertidal zone, and the estuaries. Gregoreoff and Levshakoff Creeks are responsible for about 40% of the pink salmon that spawn in Jack Bay, according to long term ADF&G records (see below). The lower reaches of the streams, the intertidal zone, and the estuaries that occupy the inlets beyond the stream mouths are areas of concentrated seasonal use by a variety of species

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that depend on the influx of energy and nutrients during the spawning season.

I am concerned that residential development (or even substantial increases in the level of recreational use) of these inlets is likely to have a marked negative impact on use of these areas by wildlife. Because of the high biological importance of these localized areas, impacts caused by habitat alteration or human disturbance here could extend well beyond the small geographic area affected. I mention these considerations, which are no doubt much more familiar to your staff than to myself, to point out 1) the local or even regional significance and scarcity of these and similar "key" habitat areas, and 2) the importance of managing the estuaries (if they should end up as part of the nearby Jack Bay State Marine Park) to minimize disturbance.

Wildlife species listed as "Injured resources" in the small parcel nomination materials that I have observed on the University property or adjacent intertidal or estuarine areas include the following:

- 1) Pink Salmon. Long-term ADF&G records show an average biannual escapement of 28,400 salmon for Gregoreoff and Levshakoff Creeks combined (Wayne Donaldson, ADF&G, pers. comm.). The small stream that lies between them has a smaller run. A number of Chum salmon spawn in Gregoreoff Creek, as well.
- 2) Dolly Varden. Dolly Varden are present in Gregoreoff Creek. I have seen a school of about 20 spawning Dolly Varden several hundred yards upstream from the terminus, and small numbers occur above the short waterfall.
- 3) Bald Eagle. During the spawning season, eagles are often abundant near the streams. In mid July, 1992, I counted over 40 adult and immature eagles during a brief boat ride between Gregoreoff Creek and the State Marine Park, less than two miles away. In early July, 1994, Eva Saulitis and John Lyle counted 20 eagles in Gregoreoff Creek inlet. Although I have not observed nesting on the University property, it is not unlikely that eagles do nest here: there is ample suitable nesting habitat in the 4.5 miles of coastline, and recently fledged young of the year forage for salmon on Gregoreoff Creek in late summer.
- 4) Black Oystercatcher. I have observed pairs and (family?) groups of 3-4 oystercatchers foraging in mussel beds in the intertidal zone near Gregoreoff Creek, and along the rocky

shoreline between Gregoreoff and Levshakoff Creeks. They may nest on the nearby islands in Jack Bay State Marine Park.

- 5) Harlequin Duck. Fairly large numbers of Harlequins frequently forage in Gregoreoff Creek inlet and rest on intertidal rocks there. For example, in June of 1992 I repeatedly observed from 5 to more than 10 ducks here; and on 6 June, 1994, I saw 16 Harlequins loafing on these rocks. I have spoken with Sam Patton and Dave Crowley, who conducted an ADF&G Harlequin Duck study that included Gregoreoff and Levshakoff Creeks. In 1991, Gregoreoff Creek supported 3 breeding females; two nests were found, giving this stream the highest nesting density of all 23 streams included in the survey. No breeding activity was detected on Levshakoff Creek, but the estuary was identified as an important foraging and resting area. According to Dave, increased human or boat traffic in these small inlets is likely to displace this breeding population of Harlequin Ducks.
- 6) Harbor seal. Seals are often present in small numbers in Gregoreoff Creek inlet during the spawning season. Although I have never seen more than two seals at one time here, the frequency with which I see them suggests that this may be an important foraging area.
- 7) River Otter. Otters seem to be common in and near Gregoreoff Creek inlet. I have seen one or more otters on three or four occasions since 1991, and their sign is quite common on the shore.

"Injured services" provided by the University property include a variety of recreational uses. Sport fishermen, pleasure boaters, bear hunters, and kayakers use this area frequently.

During the early 1980's ADF&G repeatedly voiced their concerns about residential development of State land in Jack Bay (which included the land currently owned by the University) due to impacts on wildlife habitat and recreation. The following is an excerpt from a letter in DNR's Jack Bay Homestead Project files.

We object to this disposal because it is highly productive black bear and mountain goat habitat and supports considerable recreational hunting. The major streams are also significant pink and chum salmon spawning streams and contribute to one of the most important salt water sport fisheries in the Valdez area. Frequent herring spawning

also occurs along the intertidal beaches in the southwestern corner of the disposal area. The Chugach Regional Study recommended that the salmon streams, wildlife habitat and high public use areas be avoided [for development].

(Black bear density does seem to be quite high in the area, and I saw a female with five young at the mouth of Gregoreoff Creek in September 1994.)

Archeological Resources. Chugach Natives, Inc. filed an application for cemetery and historical site recognition for two locations on the University parcel: the tip of the small peninsula that projects northward between Gregoreoff and Levshakoff Creeks, and a larger area that encompasses all of Gregoreoff Creek inlet. This occurred in the early 1980's when the state was attempting to include this parcel in the Jack Bay homestead disposal. I am attaching a map from DNR files that depicts these areas (proposed land conveyance AS 38.05.035 (a) (14)).

I hope that you will find these comments useful. If you have any questions about this material, or if I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your efforts to mitigate oil spill damage in the Sound.

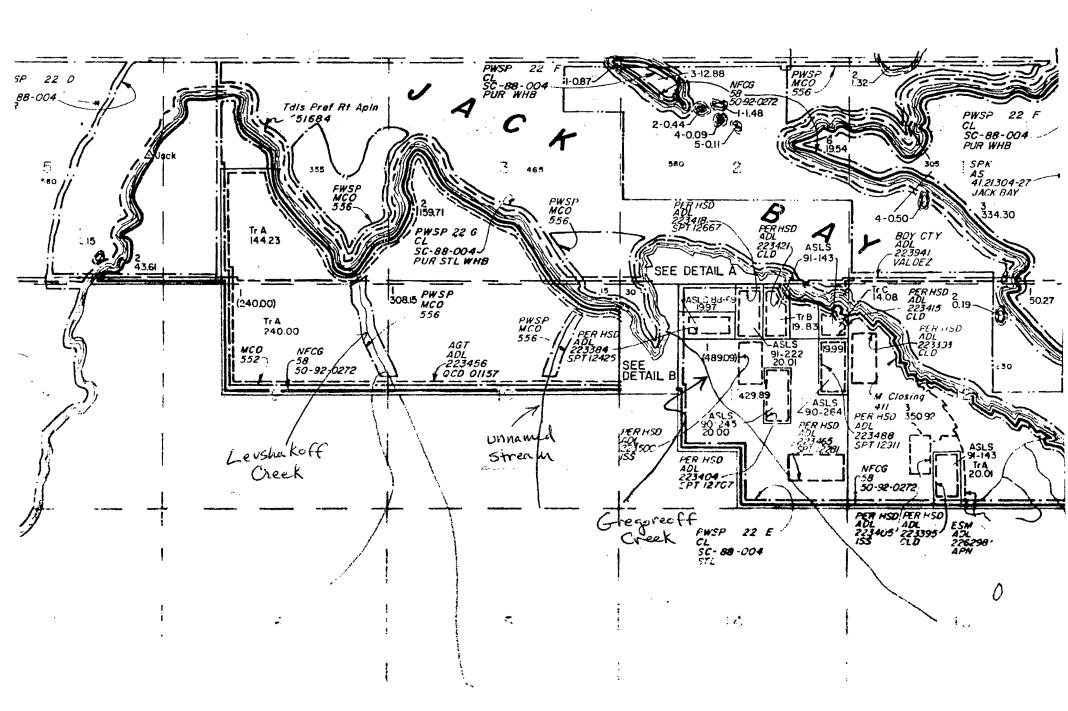
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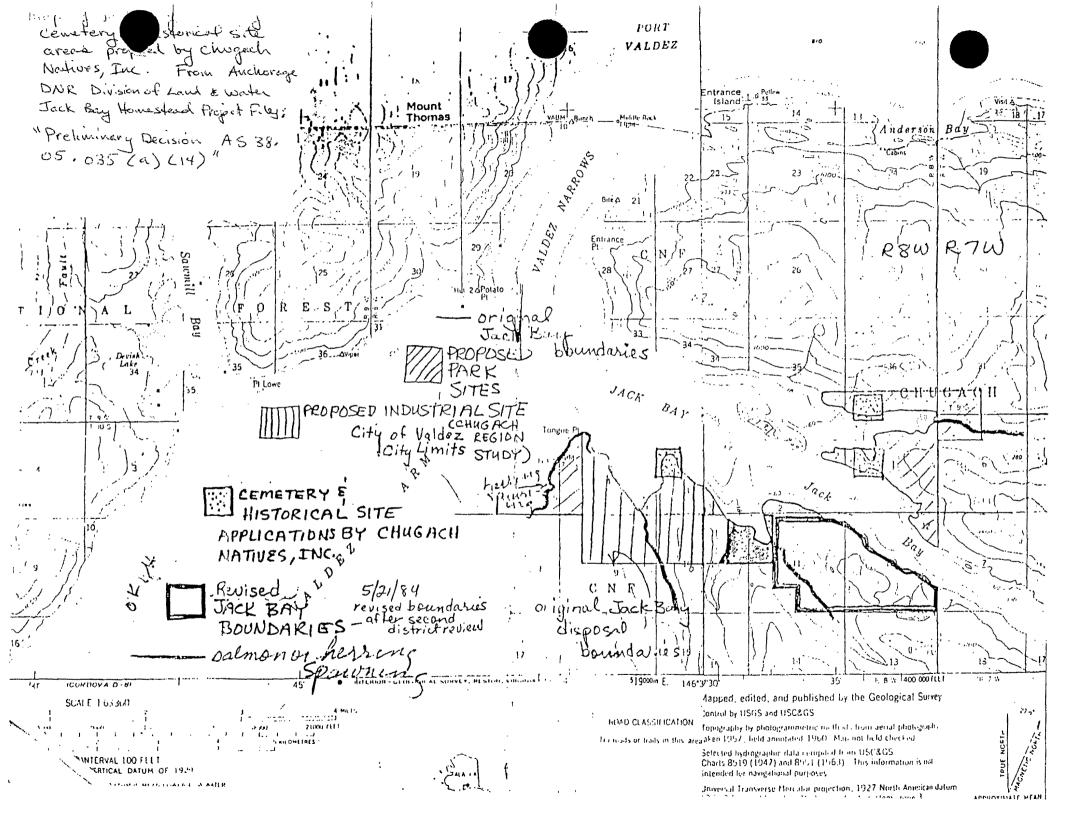
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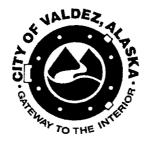
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P.S. I have enclosed three photographs that illustrate upland and shoreline habitats.

l From a letter to Margaret Hayes, Southcentral District Manager, DNR Division of Land and Water Management, from ADF&G, October 26, 1983.









OFFICE OF THE MAYOR March 28, 1995

EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council 645 G Street, Suite 401 Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Ms. McCammon:

The Valdez City Council recently took action to support the purchase of University of Alaska land in the Jack Bay area by the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council.

A portion of this University of Alaska property is located within the Valdez City limits. This property has very little developmental potential in that it will not support residential use, be it permanent or recreational in nature. The property has very little timber value.

The property has high scenic value. The property is located at the entrance of Jack Bay and is visible from the Valdez Narrows in which cruise ships travel. The State of Alaska already maintains a marine park in Jack Bay and the purchase of the University of Alaska property could be a fine addition to this State Marine Park.

The City of Valdez, through its City Council, has gone on record as supporting the purchase of this property by the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council. I hope that you will honor the City's request in negotiating with the University of Alaska Statewide Office of Land Management for the purchase of this property.

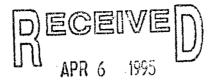
Sincerely

John L. Harris, Mayor

City of Valdez

cc: Martin Epstein, Statewide Office of Land Management

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# EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL

David W. Crowley 1580 Alpine Vista Ct Fairbanks, AK 99712 April 4, 1992

Ms. Molly McCammon Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council Restoration Office 645 "G" Street Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Ms. McCammon,

I understand that the University of Alaska has recently nominated for purchase the land encompassing Gregoreoff and Levshakoff Creeks of Jack Bay in Prince William Sound. I was consulted by an associate, Mr. Jon Miller, for information pertaining to use of the area by Harlequin ducks and would like to provide you with the same. I conducted research on Harlequins for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in eastern Prince William Sound for 3 summers and wrote my master's thesis on the subject. I am not currently employed by ADFG and am writing as an informed advocate rather than an official.

We surveyed Jack Bay 2 - 3 times per summer from 1991 - 1993 and monitored Gregoreoff Creek (ASC# 221-50-11230) and Levshakoff (221-40-11212) for Harlequin activity using mist nets. We captured 3 breeding hens in 1991 and 1 non-breeding hen in 1992 on Gregoreoff, but did not detect breeding activity on Levshakoff. We observed 2 Harlequin broods near the mouth of Gregoreoff in 1991, none in 1992 and 1 in 1993. We also saw a single brood near the relatively turbid Naomoff River (ASC# 221-50-11231) at the SE end of Jack Bay in 1993. Vlasoff Creek, a heavily silted stream located NE across Jack Bay from Gregoreoff, had no observed Harlequin activity.

Although Levshakoff Creek itself was probably not of adequate size for nesting, the intertidal area near its outlet was quite important for foraging prior to breeding. The total numbers of Harlequin ducks counted in the entire Jack Bay during spring surveys were 28 in 1991 and 17 in 1992. Of those, 27 and 14 Harlequins (respectively), including 17 pairs were observed roosting and foraging in the intertidal estuary of Levshakoff Creek. The remaining 4 Harlequins counted in Jack Bay were near Gregoreoff Creek.

We located 2 Harlequin nests on Gregoreoff Creek in 1991, giving it the highest linear breeding hen density of the 23 streams that we trapped. One nest was located approximately 0.6 km upstream at an elevation of 50 m, the other was about 1.5 km upstream and 120 m elevation, both within 2 meters of the stream.

Although low numbers (5 - 7) of Harlequins were observed near both Gregoreoff and Levshakoff Creeks during July molting surveys (particularly on the emergent rocks in western Levshakoff Cove) neither area was consistently used by molting flocks. Molting habitat tended to be along more exposed coastline and less disturbed by boat traffic than what is available in the protected coves. We often saw recreational boats moored in or near the coves, particularly on weekends. I think that most Harlequins in the area molted from Rocky Point south toward Black Point, and along western Bligh, Busby and Reef Islands.

Harlequin ducks occur in Prince William Sound in a patchy distribution, reflecting their preference for shallow sloping intertidal areas that are strewn with boulders for roosting and rich in invertebrate prey. The coves into which Gregoreoff and Levshakoff Creeks flow is such a patch. They have extensive intertidal and estuarine areas, and because of their proximity to Valdez Arm, are possibly subject to nutrient deposition from tidal currents. The next closest concentration of breeding Harlequins is approximately 11 km to the west in Sawmill Bay. The next nearest flocks were about 10 km south on the offshore rocks of just north of Galena Bay.

From my experience in working in Harlequin habitat along streams and estuaries (i.e., creating disturbance) and in observing avoidance behavior of Harlequins towards people camping near intertidal habitat, I have no doubt that development of the area around Gregoreoff and Levshakoff Creeks will largely displace breeding Harlequins. This would not likely have a measurable effect on the Sound-wide population of Harlequin ducks. Because Harlequins exhibit low productivity and fidelity to breeding and molting areas, however, it probably would affect productivity in the region of Valdez Arm, as displaced ducks attempt to breed elsewhere. It has been documented in other species of philopatric sea duck that females attempting to nest in new locations are less productive than those nesting in sites from previous seasons. I believe that this area in Jack Bay should be acquired and managed for Harlequins both to maintain the local population and to potentially contribute to the restoration of Harlequin ducks in the oil spill area through colonization by subadults.

A management plan for Harlequin ducks in Jack Bay should include 2 objectives: protection of breeding habitat, and limiting disturbance by human activity along streams and estuaries during the breeding season. Stream-side buffers of about 50 meters should be maintained along the tributaries and main channels to protect structural characteristics of the vegetation, provide visual isolation and protect aquatic habitat from siltation. Camps set up by bear hunters, boaters and fisherman should be away from stream banks and estuaries (75 - 100 m) to minimize disturbance to foraging and brood-rearing habitat. Residential or commercial development and heavy recreational activity could not occur within the area, as they would cause both habitat degradation and disturbance. Limited recreational use of the area, such as hiking, kayaking and hunting would probably not disrupt the breeding and brood-rearing periods.

I hope this information is useful to you. Please feel free to call me at 457-8000 if you have any questions.

Sincerely.

David W. Crowley

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To: Molly McCammon, PAG Group

From: Nancy R. Lethcoe Date: April 14, 1995

I am sorry I am not able to attend the April 20-21 meeting, but I must be in Fairbanks for a promotional show for our business. I look forward to joining you at the June 13-14 meeting — unless we receive so many bookings I am unable to get away.

I have concerns about three small parcels I wish to bring to your attention:

1. The University of Alaska has two land parcels adjacent to the Valdez Duck Flats. The Forest Service agreed to sponsor one parcel which is the site of its Valdez information center. The other, adjacent parcel, was not sponsored. I did not realize that this area was two separate parcels until quite recently and have been trying to identify why the Forest Service did not sponsor both parcels (please see attached letter to Phil Janik).

The US Fish and Wildlife Service lists the Valdez Duck Flats as an Area of National Significance, because Hudsonian Godwits nest here. The unsponsored parcel is a significant portion of the Valdez Duck Flats viewshed for the Information Center, but more importantly, the alder shrublands and saltmarsh extending out to the mudflats are important habitat for microtines, river otter, weasel, numerous nesting birds, and a rich mudflats flora and fauna. This is an important staging area for shorebirds during the spring and fall migrations. Bald eagles perch on the dead limbs of the cottonwoods while feeding in the area. The spruce forests (on inner point on southern boundary) are thought to be nesting sites for marbled murrelets which are seen in the Duck Flats area. Harbor seals and Steller Sea lions feed in the adjacent mudflats at high tide and haul out on the rocky islets. Some years, in the winter large flocks of common murres move into this area to feed. Sea otters feed in this area year round. The AT Transient Pod of Killer Whales and others have been spotted in Port Valdez and may be feeding on the animals that feed in the Duck Flats. Some of the area may be used as a nursery for out-migrating salmon fry and as a milling area for spawning salmon. I am told that some local residents gather eggs for subsistence use in this area.

According to Martin Epstein, the University of Alaska is a willing seller, although they also have someone who wants to purchase the land for an RV park. Construction of an RV park here would not only destroy this biologically rich parcel and adversely affect the adjacent mudflats, but it would also have a significant impact on the visual quality and wildlife viewing opportunities for local residents and other tourists. Currently, at least 200,000 visitors pass this area annually. The Forest Service estimates that 80,000-120,000 stop at their interpretive center. Local businesses conduct wildlife watching trips by kayak trips in the area. Valdez AWRTA members and local residents would like to see wildlife viewing and interpretive areas constructed — perhaps across the highway in conjunction with the City's Gazebo.

We are most concerned about the loss of habitat and opportunities to view wildlife dependent upon that habitat.

- 2. The second parcel is at Jack Bay. Please see my attached letter to Martin Epstein. This parcel is very important to local recreational users, AWRTA business members, and the cruise/tourboat industry. We strongly support purchasing and adding it to the Jack Bay Marine Park. We would hope to see the habitat protected, while perhaps adding some amenities to the area, such as trails, mooring buoys, and tent camping sites. The area is viewed by all tourboat and cruiseship passengers entering and leaving Port Valdez. Logging would impact the visual quality. The old growth forest provides nesting, shelter, and perch sites for numerous birds. We do not know if any marbled murrelets nest in the area, but river otter, weasel, and mink are known to occur. Offshore, sea otters, harbor seals, Steller sea lions and killer whales use the adjacent waters. The site also has intertidal zone values.
- 3. I have received a fax from Michael McBride of Kachemak Bay Wilderness Lodge describing the Fox Island Small Parcel. I would like to suggest that this site be reviewed for possible purchase and inclusion in the Kachemak Bay State Park.

Sincerely,

Nancy R. Lethcoe

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### PHONE COMMENT LOG

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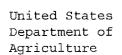


## PARCEL KEN- 1013



## SMALL PARCEL NOMINATION

KEN- 1014



Forest Service Alaska Region

P.O. Box 21628 Juneau, AK 99802-1628

File Code: 1590

Date: MAY 2 5 1995

Molly McCammon, Executive Director Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Restoration Office 645 G Street, Suite 401 Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Ms. McCammon:

EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL

We would like to request that the Grouse Lake parcel (KEN 1014) nominated by owner Dean Anderson during the secondary phase of the comprehensive Small Parcel Habitat Evaluation and Ranking Process be placed in the category of "Parcels Meriting Special Consideration".

This parcel was evaluated by the Habitat Work Group and received a score of 18 placing it just below the minimum score of 20 for a moderate restoration value ranking. This parcel borders Grouse Lake and Creek and is contiguous with the Chugach National Forest. It can be easily incorporated into existing management plans and will enhance public access to recreational opportunities as it is within about 5 miles of Seward. It also provides habitat for sockeye and pink salmon, and Dolly Varden char. Thus, we feel that this parcel has unique characteristics which will provide for the restoration of injured resources and associated services.

In reference to another parcel (PWS 1010) Jack Bay, we are also interested in requesting special merit status. We have coordinated a recommendation submitted by Alaska Department of Natural Resources to initiate special merit status dated May 22nd. The Forest Service is also interested in incorporating this parcel into National Forest Management for the restoration of injured resources and associated services.

We appreciate your consideration of these parcels and should you require additional information, please contact Dave Gibbons.

Sincerely,

PHIL JANIK

Regional Forester





KEN 1015

# SMALL PARCEL NOMINATION

KEN- 1015

### **MEMORANDUM**

### State of Alaska

### epartment of Natural Resources

### Division of Parks and Outdoor Rec.

To: Art Weiner

DATE:

March 29, 1995

Natural Resource Manager II

TELEPHONE NO: 76

762-2619

FAX NO:

762-2535

FROM:

Ron Crenshaw

SUBJECT:

McCracken Parcel

Project Manager

Marine Recreation Project

Small Parcel Acquisition

#### JUSTIFICATION FOR SPONSORING THE McCRACKEN PARCEL.

The parcel is strategically located a mile south of Seward at Lowell Point. Other than the beaches and harbor in downtown Seward, there is no other public access to Resurrection Bay waters. If this parcel is purchased, it would provide the only other road based access to the ocean. Many people trespass on this private beach to launch kayaks and small boats, camp, and to study the intertidal life in the tidepools. These are the only road accessible tidepools in Resurrection Bay. This beach and subsurface land is owned by McCracken.

The parcel is also used by the public to access the western coastline of Resurrection Bay and Caines Head State Recreation Area. A trail crosses the parcel on an existing right of way. There have been several conflicts in the past between the trail users and the land owner. Trail users park on city owned land next to the sewer treatment plant down the road. There is a chance that this trailhead parking may not be available in the future as the city expands their facilities. The McCracken parcel would allow a small trailhead and parking area to be constructed.

The habitat values are high. The parcel includes intertidal and subtidal resources that were injured by the spill in other areas. This beach was not oiled by the spill. There are several tidepool areas that hold a diversity of invertebrates. The beach composition changes three times from rock cliffs, to fractured rocks and mix intermediate size stone, to a smooth pebble beach.

Salmon returning to spawn pass through the waters just off the beach. Bald eagles can be seen roosting in the spruce near the shore and watching for salmon during the summer. The upland of this parcel is comprised mostly of mature spruce forest. There is one area that was once excavated but is now a dry lagoon that floods at occasional extreme tides and storm surges.

A private house and other small structures are located in the center of this parcel. These structures would be efficiently used to help park staff manage this parcel and Caines Head State Recreation Area.

Lowell Point receives heavy visitation throughout the summer, with a continual stream of tourists driving the dirt road next to this parcel. The traffic and desired use of this parcel's beach is expected to substantially increase once the Seward Sea Life Center is built. If purchased, the public will legally be allowed to use the beach on this parcel.

There is an imminent threat of this parcel being developed this summer in a way that may be detrimental to the resources. Public use of the beaches and overland trail to Caines Head State Recreation Area could be adversely affected. Mr. McCracken has already taken steps to engineer plans for private recreational developments on this parcel even before we contacted him. He is preparing to go to bid on land clearing and the developments of cabins and camp areas. These developments may physically close off public beach access. The intended date of construction is in June or July of this summer.

#### Dear Molly McCammon,

I am a teacher and a parent at Homestead School in Eagle River. For the last 8 years I have taught a unit on tide pools. As a culminating finale, I invited the students of Homestead and their families to join me at Lowell point in the Spring at low tide. We have grown from 75 people the first year to more than 300 the last few years. Rangers from the Kenai Fjords and the State Parks have me't us and helped us in our discoveries. The K.M. Rae building opens to show us movies and the fish tanks. It has been a wonderful experience, as well as educational.

I am asking that your board approve the purchase of Lowell point for the use of all. I've been to other states where there is no public access to beaches or access is limited. Please preserve this tide pool area. We haven't found another like it in 8 years.

Sincerely,

Roxann Kopischke<sup>7</sup>
17424 Meadow Creek

Eagle River, Alaska

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### Dear Mary McCammon:

I am a parent and a teacher at Homestead Elementary School. For many years our family and our school have enjoyed learning about Alaska's tide pools and being responsible observers of nature.

I would like to stress my concern that the Lowell point area be purchased for everyone's use and not just a select few. I believe having a recreation area for all use will increase the education of Alaskan's and visitors of the wonderful wildlife we have and need to protect.

Please consider our wishes and our state's need for places like Lowell point. If they are all bought up commercially or by private owners where else can we go to explore and learn about the wildlife in our tide pools?

Sincerely,

Gayle Boyer

18001 Baranoff

Eagle River, AK 99577

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May 6, 1995

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

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Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Ms. McCammon:

I have two children who are students at Homestead Elementary School in Eagle River. The school has sponsored family field trips to Seward once a year during a low tide for the last 8 years. Participation in this activity has grown to 300 people last year and at least that number are expected to take advantage of this opportunity again this year.

Access to the tidal area has been provided by James McCracken. However, we have learned that Mr. McCracken is selling his property. It is our understanding that the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council is considering the purchase of Mr. McCracken's property to allow public access to the tidal area at Lowell Point. If this purchase is not made by the Council the land will most likely become unaccessible to the public for scientific and educational studies.

I consider this acquisition to be an excellent opportunity for the State of Alaska and especially for the school children who benefit greatly from the hands-on learning experience of easy access to the tide pools.

Even if the Alaska Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation does not have the funding to fully administer the site at this time, we would like you to take into consideration the fact that this is a good opportunity to acquire the land base for future generations. Additional benefits will be gained by the fact that this parcel is easily accessible by the residents of Alaska and our visitors, unlike other acquisitions by the Trustee Council (for example the remote locations of Kodiak Island and Prince William Sound).

Sincerely,

Jane Reid



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Dear Molly McCammon,

My name is Zachary Hill. I am a six grade student at Homestead Elementary. For the past 8 years our school has had a Seward "SEA WEEK" on Mr.McCraken's property. Now Mr.McCracken is selling his property! If the state does not buy this property and turn it into an outdoor recreation center, our school well no longer be able to experience the tide pools and beauty of Seward every one has enjoyed. Mr.McCracken is selling his property for \$495,000. It would mean a lot to the students, parents, and P.T.A. if you would purchase these 20 acres. Thank you for your time.

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Sincerely,
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May 10, 1995

Molly McCammon 645 G Street Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Ms. McCammon,

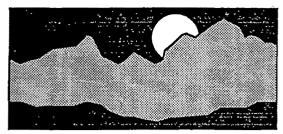
As a parent of two children who attend Homestead Elementary School, I am writing to encourage you to consider the purchase of Mr. McCracken's land at Lowell Point in Seward.

Over the past 8 years students, parents and teachers have gone to Lowell in May for "Sea Week". My family have attended on several occasions and have found it to be a very valuable experience as we learn about life in the tide pools. If the State does not purchase the land, which I understand the Alaska Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation has agreed to manage, this unique experience will be lost to us.

I believe that obtaining this land will be very beneficial to the State and ask that it may be given serious consideration.

Sincerely,

Jean McCarthy



From the desk of....

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Seward, Alaska 99664

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EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL

Eric Myers
Director of Operations
Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustees Council
645 G Street
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Mr. Myers,

Thank you for sending me information regarding the small land acquisition information on the Lowell Point (Seward, AK) and Ellamar land holdings (Prince William Sound). I am very acquainted with both and would like to address each separately.

## Lowell Point Land Acquisition

The land which is currently being considered for acquisition is multi-faceted. First, it represents an ecosystem which is unique to Seward. Despite being built on the edge of Resurrection Bay, Seward's waterfront is neither diverse nor especially captivating from a tidepool point of view. Typically Seward's beaches are loose, sharp edged cobble of shale. Because of the wave action and loose substrate, intertidal animals and 'grungies' are unable to develop a foothold.

In contrast, the land at Lowell Point offers two distinct (and unique to Seward area) tidal lands. First a sand beach lies in front of the land being considered. Though free of tide pools, residents and visitors fish on this beach since king, silver, and pink salmon tend to school in this bite while waiting to go to the head of the bay. Secondly, a sheltered rock embankment and tidal area lies to the west of the Lowell Point land. Students and visitors often come to this area to observe the intertidal organisms. Access to this tidal area provides a wonderful educational opportunity to observe these tidal pools. As a teacher I especially appreciate access to this ecosystem for students to better understand the ocean which they live next to.

In addition to biological and educational considerations, Lowell Point has, in the past, provided recreational access beyond the 'end of the road.' First, kayakers use this strip of beach as a staging ground for trips into Kenai Fjords National Park. It's wide strip of beach and it's distance from motorized boat launches provide an ideal place for kayaks to gear up and launch into the semi-protected waters of the bay. Hikers also would benefit from this land acquisition. The trailhead to Caines Head Recreational Area (one of the finer hikes in the Kenai

Fjords National Park) begins near this point at the community sewage lagoon. The trailhead has always posed some challenges stemming from stench and access across public lands. With the acquisition of the Lowell Point property, access would be less of a problem and hikers would not be greeted by Seward sewage at the trail head.

Currently there has been an influx of building at Lowell Point. The only access to the lands described in this letter is now through the narrow strip of land which is being considered by the Trustees. This is the last opportunity to retain this ecorecreation system for residents and visitors to the area. Please, this is a valuable opportunity that will not be possible in the future.

I hope you will agree that acquisition of this property should warrant a high ranking. Thank you.

### **Ellamar Properties**

I have mixed emotions regarding the acquisition of the Ellamar properties. I am a landholder in Ellamar. Frankly, I would personally benefit greatly from the Trustees acquiring the remaining available lots in the Ellamar Subdivision. My uneasiness with the acquisition stems from my personal involvement with the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill. My wife, Letty, and I were teachers in Tatitlek at the time of The Spill. We have seen how the Spill affected the Sound, its creatures, its people. We have seen how The Spill brought out the best in some folks....and the worst in many. Greed seemed at times to be the driving emotion amongst many people. Letty and I hoped to distance ourselves from this greed and not allow us to be caught up in self-preservation attitude which has been so prevalent since The Spill. Simply, we do not want to, in any way, benefit from the spilling of oil into the Sound.

It is ironic, then, that suddenly we stand to gain directly from the Spill settlement. It is not a situation that we are comfortable with, however certainly Ellamar is worthy of the objectives of the Trustees. It would make us proud to see Ellamar evolve from a place of mining and development exploitation to a place of historical and natural legacy for the public to enjoy for perpetuity.

## The Scenery:

I trust you have been to Ellamar and realize it to be a place of awe. The view of the Sound, from Ellamar defines serenity, particularly on a calm summer evening as the sun sets below the western horizon. The land around Ellamar has many unique recreational opportunities. Since Ellamar sets beside a sheltered cove and is on a wide, meadowed bench, Ellamar provides the recreationist with a secure harbor with nearly endless hikes into the surrounding hillside.

One of my favorite treks follows the old wooden pipeline which supplied water from a diversion dike to the mining operations below. Continuing past the dike, the hiker travels into thick woods which eventually breaks into meadows with small clear brooks emerging from mountain springs. I have seen few places that can compare with the serenity of these upper meadows of Ellamar

#### Wildlife

Wildlife such as bear, deer, goats as well as smaller mammals inhabit the surrounding area. Black bear are often seen throughout the summer. There are stories of a large brown bear being seen between Tatitlek and Ellamar but so far it seems more of legendary material.

The coves provide shelter and habitat for birds, both transient, residential, and migratory. The 3 coves are filled with gulls feeding on herring while shore birds and sea ducks feed in the sheltered waters. Though I know of no eagle nests per se, at times I have seen 20-30+ eagles in trees waiting to feed on fish in the creek.

The reef that extends southward from the northern cove is unique in formation, substrata, and sea life. The reef is rock with sand underneath. It provides a relative unique environment and is an ideal hide-out for octopus and some shellfish. Letty and I enjoy going out to this reef during low-spring tides to catch octopus. They make an awesome chowder. Since The Spill, the reef does not seem to be as productive. I have not caught nearly the number I once did. Whether this is a direct result of the Spill is not known.

The southern cove provides some type of unique habitat for silver salmon. Though silvers are not known to spawn in these waters, they still school up and cycle around in this small bay. Subsistence fishermen from the village often come here to catch the fish before they move on to their natal waters.

#### Cultural Aspects

Ellamar has a rich cultural history that reaches far back beyond the mining and cannery days. Certainly this history in itself should be considered when making the decision to acquire the land. In addition, indigenous people inhabited this land years before Western influence. There is evident from a possible village site with house pits 1/2 mile north of the subdivision. In addition, there are remnants of a historic burial/cemetery site on the peninsula which creates the southern cove to the peninsula. I've been told this is the cemetery for the mining operation though markers show the sign of Russian Orthodoxy.

#### My Concerns

If the Trustees chose to continue the process towards land acquisition of Ellamar Subdivision I have some concerns.

First: I think that Ellamar presents unique recreational opportunities while offering a beautiful natural and cultural setting. Ellamar could be a marvelous place for a state park but only if effects to the natural setting and the existing cultural resources could be minimized.

Second: Knowing the developer and his original intentions of profit, I hope measures have been taken to keep additional parcels from being sold while the Trustee's negotiations are proceeding. If the Trustees are serious about acquiring Ellamar, I hope that it requires ALL remaining parcels be purchased. I am concerned that without such stipulations, the developer will attempt to sell the choice parcels which would negate any positive affects of the land acquisition.

I hope you agree that Ellamar is worthy of the Trustee's objectives for land acquisition. It would be a fitting legacy to the disastrous spill to have land, which was within sight of the grounded tanker, set aside for the enjoyment of future generations and to the protection of this valuable ecosystem. Should you have any questions regarding Ellamar that I may be able to address please feel free to contact me at my home phone number.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline K. Zaragoza HC83 Box 1774 Eagle River, AK 99577

May 22, 1995

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

Dear Ms. McCammon,

I am three years old and I go to Lowell Point with my family.

At Lowell Point I find sea stars. I like to find crabs. I like my family and I like to go to Seward.

I want to find sea stars when I'm bigger. Please buy Lowell Point so I can go there with my family again. Thank you.

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FROM: ZARAGOZA

Evan S. Zaragoza HC83 Box 1774 Eagle River, AK 99577

May 22, 1995

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

Dear Ms. McCammon,

I am in kindergarten at Homestead Elementary. I am 6 1/2 years old.

Please buy Lowell Point and turn it into a State Park.

I like catching little crabs and sea stars with my school. This year I saw a purple sea star. I always put the little critters back after I look at them. I can't find the sea animals in the ocean where I live in Eagle River. That's why we go to Lowell Point.

Please buy Lowell Point so I can go back next year. Thank you.

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Andrew J. Zaragoza HC83 Box 1774 Eagle River, AK 99577

May 22, 1995

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

Dear Ms. McCammon,

I am Andrew Zaragoza. I am almost nine years old and I am in second grade at Homestead Elementary.

I like Lowell Point hecause it has sea creatures that I've never seen before. It is fun to find the little eels and fish under the rocks. There is no other place in the world like Lowell Point.

Please, please buy the land and make it into a State Park. If you don't buy Lowell Point more houses will be built on the beach and we won't be able to go there next year with my school.

Thank you for thinking about buying Lowell Point.

Andrew

Betty and Paul Zaragoza HC83 Box 1774 Eagle River, AK 99577

May 22, 1995

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

Dear Ms. McCammon,

We urge you to purchase Lowell Point in Seward for a State Park.

For the past three years we have discovered the amazing sea life in the tidal pools of Lowell Point with our three young children. The accessibility of Lowell Point makes it unique in that all one needs is a car and the willingness to explore. Having access to Lowell Point is so important for the education of young Alaskans. It is so exciting to see their eyes light up as they discover the wonders of sea life in the tidal pools and under the rocks of Lowell Point.

We hope you will purchase Lowell Point for a State Park so this valuable resource will be available for future generations to explore.

Sincerely

Paul Janagoza Betty Zanagozan

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Dear Council,

I am writing in Support of funding for Resurrection Bay Beachfront at Lowell Point, I mile south of Seward. Access to the beach there is increasingly difficult, yet expected. Please help secure it.

Carol Griswold Thankyou. "Untouched"

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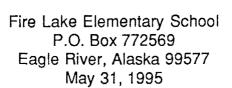
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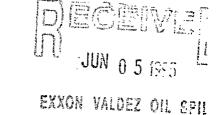
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TRUSTEE COUNCIL

Exxon Valdez Trustee Council 645 G Street Anchorage, Alaska 9950l

Gentlemen:

I am writing to you to ask that you dedicate funds to buy the land on the beach at Lowell Point in Seward. The fifth grade teachers at Fire Lake Elementary School in Eagle River have developed a marine camp for our students. We have used this area for the last six years (including this year) and the students have had an excellent experience. This marine camp has opened our students eyes to the marine environment as no other experience could. They have been able to find isopods, chitons, octopus, huge ribbon worms, hermit crab, sand fleas, and many other tidal pool creatures.

This beach and the follow-up studies provided by the Seward area has enriched the lives of approximately 550 students. It would be a tremendous loss if our students would not be able to experience this environment. I would urge you to purchase this area and dedicate it to use as a state park for the enjoyment of future students so they may be able to learn and appreciate the marine environment.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Paula Johnson, Teacher Fire Lake Elementary School

Jacob Johnson

Johnson 20246 Mc Kinkey View Chuqiak AK 99567 Dear Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustees Council;

If a picture is worth a thousand words, then the attached page says *everything* you need to know about *WHY* Lowell Point needs to be purchased and turned into public lands.

For the past eight years, students, parents and teachers from Homestead Elementary school in Eagle River have traveled to Seward, and explored the tide pools on Lowell Point as a culmination of our marine unit. Lowell Point is a unique and special area, and we have been very fortunate to be able to use it, but if the state doesn't purchase the parcel, it is almost certain that this pristine spot will be privatized and made inaccessible to us.

Please take a moment to look at the faces in these pictures faces filled with wonderment and joy - families discovering the wonderful treasures of our Alaskan oceans and shorelines. It would be a terrible and sad shame to deny our children the heritage and opportunity to explore Lowell Point. Isn't that the whole point of the money allocated in the Oil Spill civil settlement?

On behalf of hundreds of Homestead students, parents and teachers, PLEASE purchase Lowell Point, and turn it into public access lands. Thank you for your consideration.

Robin Hopper

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Co-Organizer of

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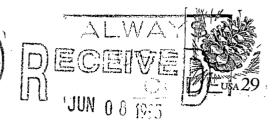
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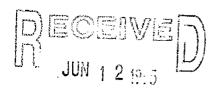
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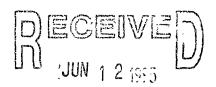
Dear E.V.O.S.,

My name is Lionel Yarmon.I am 11 years old and in 5th grade.I like sports and reading.

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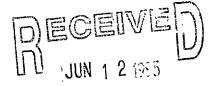
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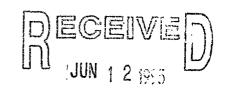
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Dear Truster,

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Dear Trustees,

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EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL

I am a 6th grader at Inlet View

Elementary School, I took a trip to

Sewers with my class I would greatly

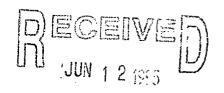
appreciate if you kept the beach at

Lowell Point open. I had a great time

tidepooling there and I would love it

if it Stayed open.

-Heather Ottam 11.



EXXON VALDEZ OIL CPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL

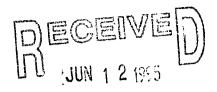
MAGGIE MCKAY 629 Ost ANCHORAGE ALASKA 99501

E.V.O.S. 645 Gst ANCHORAGE AK, 99501

E.V.O.S.,

COULD YOU PLEASE BUY THE LOWELL POINT IN SEWARD? THE PEO THAT OWN THE LAND ALMOST SAID THAT THEY WOULDN'T LET US KNOW THEY ARE PUTING THE LAND UP FOR SALE. AND WE WOULD YOU TO BUY THE LAND SO THAT THE FIFTH GRADERS CAN GO NEXT

YOUR FRIEND, MAGGIE MCKAY



EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNSIL

1407 Inlet Place Anchorage, Alaska 99501 June 6, 1995

E.V.O.S. 645 G. Street Anchorage, Alaska 99501

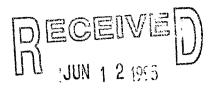
Dear Sir or Maam,

My name is Jessica Holst and I go to Inlet View Elementary School. I am 11 years old. I'm in Mr. Brewer's class.

We want to go to 6th grade camp really badly. We are asking that you please don't tare down or change anything there. We were wondering if you could think about kid's point of view and think about how you would feel if you were a kid and you couldn't go to camp. I bet you would feel devistated. I know I would.

Please please use some of the money from the oil spil for that land so we can go to camp next year. Thank you for your time and concern.

Sincerely, Jessica Holst



EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL

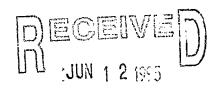
842 W. 13th ave. ANCH.,AK 99501 JUNE 6,1995

E.V.O.S. 645 G. STREET ANCH.,AK 99501

Dear Sirs or Madam,

I don't mean to bother you but I nead to ask a favor that you would please buy Lowell Point so I could go their for sixth grade camp next year with my class. I know it wouldn't mean alot to you but it would mean alot to me and alot of other people. Make your community happy.

sincerely, Holly



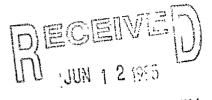
# EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL

1219 N STREET Dear Sir or Madam:

amx sixth grade student who doesn't want you to build houses on that land. I went there to go for six grade camp. I liked tidepooling and looking at all the different stuff. If you build on the land no more people will be able to have the chance to have a great time there. I thank you for letting us use your land to do stuff on but it would be nice to let more people go use it too. I hope that this letter will change your mind.

Thank You,

BRIE SOUTHALL



EXXON VALOEZ OIL CPILL.

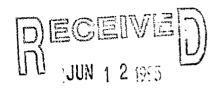
1534 "K" Street Anchorage AK,99503 June 6,1995

E.V.O.S. 645 G STREET ANCHORAGE AK, 99501

DEAR E.V.O.S.,

IT BOTHERS ME THAT THE 6TH GRADERS WONT BE ABLE TO GO LOWELL POINT, LIKE WE GOT TO THIS YEAR. THIS TRIP WAS VERY FU AND EDUCATING. IT WOULD BE TERRIBLE, IF THIS LAND BECAME PRI PROPORTY.

Sincerely, Amanda Saylor



EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL.
TRUSTEE COUNCIL

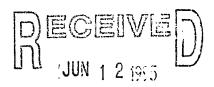
2801 Gillam cir Anchorage AK 99517 June/6/1995

E.V.O.S. 645 G Street Anchorage,AK 99501

Dear E.V.O.S.

Please buy the beach at Seward so I can go to camp there when I get in sixth grade.

Sincerely, Casey Ketchum



# EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL

1128 W. 11th Anchorage, AK 99501 June 6 1995

E.V.O.S. 645 G St. Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear E.V.O.S.,

I think that you should really think about getting your hands on that really great spot.

If you do not get that great spot than I will not have a place to go when we go to when we go on a field trip.

I do not want them to get it at all.

Sinerely, Jennifer Scollan. **‱~~** 

3701 W. 42nd Ave Anchorage, AK 99517 June 6, 1995 EXXON VALDEZ OIL CPILL
TRUSTEE COUNCIL

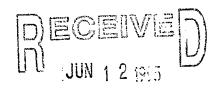
E.V.O.S. 645 G. St. Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Sirs or Madam

Please buy Seward Camp so that us 5th graders can go to 6th grade camp next year. Our cass would really appreciate it if you would buy camp because we all really want to go there next year! Let me introduce myself. My name is Caitlin McCutcheon. I love the outdoors and the wildlife. I have 1 dog and I used to have a hamster and a rabbit.

Sincerely, Caitlin McCutcheon

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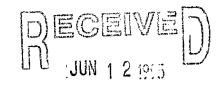


1350 W.27TH Ave.#6 Anchorage,AK.99503 June 6, 1995

Dear Sir,

Please stop the construction and the pollution because it will kill all the life under the sea. I don't want all the animals to die because the animals are very beautiful. If we don't save the beach then there wouldn't be a beach to go to and then there would be more pollutions at other beaches, oceans, or lake. So please save the lake.

SINCERELY,
Sandy Phanthasone



1212 "G" Street Anchorage, AK 99501

E.V.O.S. 645 "G" Street Anchorage,AK 99501

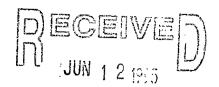
Dear E.V.O.S.,

Please by the beach. If you don't what's the point in having the 5th graders go to the camp next year I really want to go.

My name is Robyn Fields. I'm really excited about going to camp next year. I may be 11 years old, but going to the beach sounds like fun. So please buy the baech so us 5th graders have something to look up to next year.

Sincerely your's,

Robyn Fields



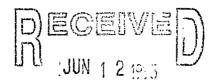
2231 Belmont Anch., AK 99517 June 6,1995

Dear E.V.O.S.,

Please buy Lowell Point and make it a center for classes to go camping. I know you may not want to spend the money on the land but if you don't think of it as economical but as educationale. We people in fifth grade were very excited about going to the camping trip but now the landlord has threatened if we come once again to the point that he will sue, but he is willing to sell the point to anyone willing to pay the money and so far knowone has come.

Please deeply consider our problem. Thanks again for your time!

Sincerely Jackie Baik

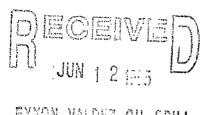


# EXXON VALDEZ OR COLL. TRUSTEE COUNCIL

6436 Carlos Court Anchorage, Ak 99504 June 6, 1995

Dear E.V.O.S., My name is Matt Bergt. Please buy the beach so we can go to the 6th grade camp. I really want to go to it next year.

> Sincerely Matt Bergt



2053 Arlington Dr. Anchorage, AK 99517 June 6, 1995

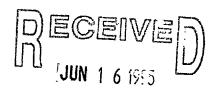
Dear E.V.O.S.,
I think we should have the 6th grade camp because it would be fun for the 6th graders. The 6th graders said it was fun!

Your friend,

Kimberly Holliday

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustees Council 645 G. Street Anchorage, AK 99501

RE: Lowell Point Beach Access



EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILS
TRUSTEE COUNCIL

Trustees:

Please do what ever you can to provide funds to ensure access to Resurrection Bay from Lowell Point. I have used this beach to fish, picnic, and launch kayaks since 1970. This beach front is unique in that it allows the public access to a great wilderness area. The private property owners in that area, with the exception of Penny Hardy and family, have traditionally been very aggressive in keeping people off the beaches.

The Lowell Point beach area is easily accessible from Seward and unique in its beauty and recreational value. Please give it high priority when you select land to be safeguarded for future Alaskans.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert J. McCabe

Box 1324

Seward, Alaska 99664

#### PHONE COMMENT LOG

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To:

Exxon Valdez Oil

Spill Trustee Council

645 G Street

Anchorage, AK 99501

From:

Barbara Passino P.O. Box 210192

Anchorage, AK 99521

Date:

April 1,1996

EXXON VALUEZ OIL SPILL

TRUSTEE COUNCIL

I am writing regarding the purchase of Lowell Point in the city of Seward. I feel it it very important for this piece of property to be purchased and remain accessible to the public. is very unique in its natural state and bountiful tidal pool sealife 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,

Barbara Passino

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

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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 Konischlie Roxann Kopischke

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Homestead School

Eagle River, Alaska 99577

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From: Chuck Woodfin, Homestead Elementary School Librarian

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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.

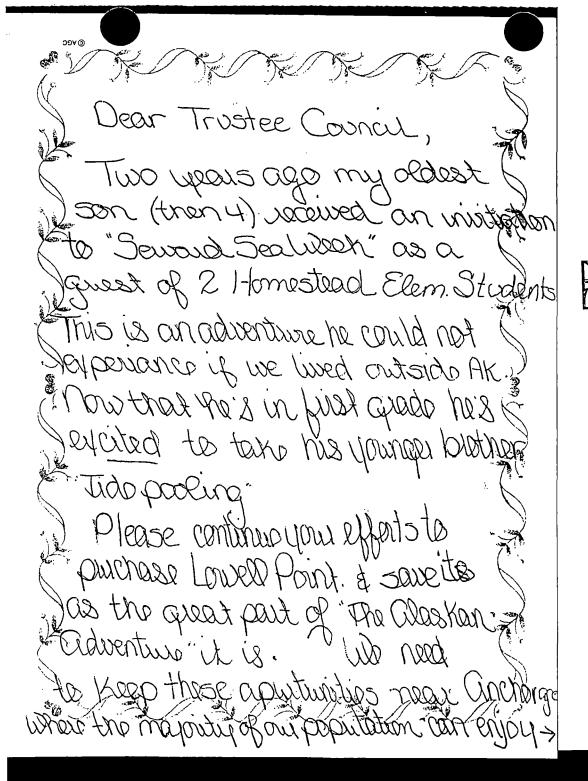
Our program has grown to include visits to local museums, the marine center, the Kenai Fjords visitors center, cruises and National Park Service guides who help our students learn about intertidal life. The number of families participating has grown each year since 1987. Each year some families, whose students no longer attend our school, contact us so they can continue to join us in sour 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



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Tranks for a great effort.

Suricialy, Mr. & Ms Rh Sapt T Egle River.





EXXON VALUEZ OIL SPILL
TRUSTEE COUNCIL

Wednesday, March 27, 1996

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



EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL

Dear Molly:

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

#### PARCEL KEN- 1017

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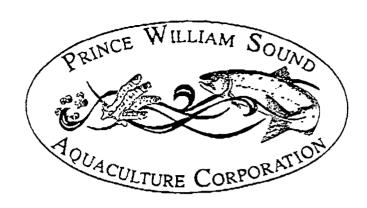
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PWS-1027



October 27, 1993

Ed Zeine Cordova Sporting Club P. O. Box 34 Cordova, AK 99574

Dear Ed:

The Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation (PWSAC) heartily endorses your plan for the development of Fleming Spit. at Cordova. as a recreation area. This site is ideally suited for a roadside fishery with foot and bicycle access to downtown Cordova. The site is the best choice for a local camp ground, as it not only offers fishing opportunity but views of the ocean, islands, mountains, forests, and attendant wildlife resources.

PWSAC presently transports a total of 200.000 king and coho salmon smolts from the Noerenberg Hatchery to Fleming Spit each year. We hold those fish in net pens in a pond behind the Spit for the purpose of imprinting those fish to return to the release site - and the resulting fishery.

Our smolt release program would benefit from a deepening of the pond to better accommodate our net pens. Material removed from the pond could be effectively used as fill on adjacent lands. The pond would also be improved as a terminal fishing location.

I anticipate that PWSAC will continue its release of smolts at Fleming Spit as long as we are in business. The project has my strong personal support, and particularly so because of your progressive proposal for development of the site. At last - a people-friendly project at Cordova.

Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to comment on this proposal. I wish you success in all aspects of this development.

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Best regards.

John McMullen

President

United States
Department of
Agriculture

Forest Service Cordova Ranger District P.O. Box 280 Cordova, AK 99574

Reply to: 1560

Date: Oct. 30, 1993

Cordova Sporting Club Attn: Dave O'Brien P.O. Box 34 Cordova, Ak. 99574

Dear Dave,

The Cordova Ranger District is strongly supportive of your effort to complete recreation improvements at the Fleming spit area. Although there is no National Forest in the immediate vicinity of the project, we have recognized the value of the project to the Cordova community for several years.

In both 1992, and 1993, a community action team comprised of community representatives and myself proposed rural development projects at Fleming Spit to be funded under the Farm bill. However, the amount of money needed for the projects, and the amount of money that was potentially available differed significantly, hence the projects were not funded. This source of potential funding remains available in 1994, and could be a possible source of funding for a small portion of the overall project you have submitted for consideration. I would be happy to advocate the Fleming Spit project as a high priority for projects submitted for funding in 1994.

Past studies, such as the 1991 Overall Economic Development Plan for Cordova have consistently identified Fleming Spit as a needed, and worthwhile project. I feel it is an important opportunity in diversifying Cordova's economy, and providing much needed recreation facilities.

In summary, I feel the project is extremely worthwhile, long recognized as being needed by the community, appropriate for serious EVOS consideration, and I will do what I can to support the project.

Sincerely,

CAL BAKER

District Ranger

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NOVEMBER 5, 1993

DEAR CORDOVA SPORTING CLUB:

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES ARE A VERY BIG PART OF LIFE IN CORDOVA. AMONG THESE ACTIVITES ARE HUNTING, TRAPPING, FISHING, HIKING, SHOOTING, BIRD WATCHING AND JUST SIGHT-SEEING. THE CORDOVA TRAP AND GUN CLUB CONTRIBUTES TO THE COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES BY HOLDING ORGANIZED SHOOTING ACTIVITIES, AS WELL AS OFFERING THE USE OF THE FIRING RANGE TO BOTH MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS.

THE LAST FEW YEARS, OUR CLUB HAS SEEN INCREASED INTEREST IN SHOOTING AND SHOOTING RELATED ACTIVITIES. ALOT OF THE REASON FOR INCREASED ACTIVITY IS THAT THE FACILITY IS AVAILABLE AND IS EASY AND CONVENIENT TO USE.

THE THE ECONOMIC CHANGES IN CORDOVA, THE COMMUNITY, NOW MORE THAN EVER, BECOMING CLOSER AND THERE IS AN INCREASING NEED FOR SOCIAL GATHERINGS. SEE GUN CLUB OFFERS ONE AVENUE FOR SUCH GATHERINGS, BUT THIS ACTIVITY IS NOT FOR EVERYONE.

THE CORDOVA TRAP & GUN CLUB STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE FLEMING SPIT RECREATION AREA ENHANCEMENT PROPOSAL. THIS PROJECT WOULD OPEN UP ANOTHER AREA FOR THE COMMUNITY, FOR GATHERINGS AND TO ENJOY THE OUTDOORS. THE PROPOSAL WOULD INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE AREA TO BE USED, AS WELL AS MAKE IT MUCH MORE AVAILABLE, EASY AND CONVENIENT TO USE.

CURRENTLY THE AREA IS UNAVAILABLE MUCH OF THE TIME AND IS NOT EASY OR CONVENIENT TO USE DUE TO THE RESTRICTED FISHABLE AREAS, LACK OF PARKING AND ACCESS TO THE AREA AND THE LACK OF OTHER FACILITIES, SUCH AS RESTROOMS, ETC...

IN TALKING TO SEVERAL OUT-OF-STATE/CITY FISHERMAN WHO HAVE FISHED THE FLEMING SPIT AREA, ALMOST ALL WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOME KIND OF CAMPING FACILITY. THEIR DESIRES RANGE FROM A CAMPGROUND TO AN R/V PARK.

THE PROPOSED FLEMING SPIT PROJECT WOULD FILL A GAP THAT EXISTS IN OUR COMMUNITY IN TERMS OF OFFERING THE LOCAL CITIZENS MORE OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY CORDOVA, AS WELL AS MAKING THE STAY IN CORDOVA, BY TOURIST GROUPS, MORE ENJOYABLE. EVEN THE HIKER, BIRDWATCHER, HUNTER AND SIGHTSEER, COULD ENJOY AND BENEFIT FROM THIS FACILITY.

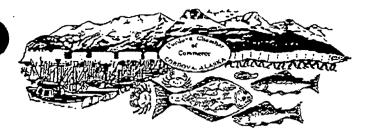
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CORDOVA TRAP AND GUN CLUB

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SECRETARY



Cordova Chamber of Commerce First Street P.O. Box 99 Cordova. Alaska 99574 (907) 424–7260

November 3, 1994

EVOS Trustees Council
Recreation Restoration Project

#### Dear Council Members:

The Cordova Chamber of Commerce strongly supports the project proposal for the Cordova Flemming Spit area as submitted by the Cordova Sporting Club. The project falls within the guidelines as established by the council and appears to rate highly in the evaluation criteria as provided by the EVOS Trustees. It offers a good opportunity for potential economic recovery.

The Cordova Sport Club's proposal demonstrates that this project would benefit a wide range of users. Residents as well as visitors would have a much more suitable area for outdoor recreation than is currently available. The completion of this project would provide temporary jobs in an ailing community and support the growth of the visitor industry in Cordova. The Chamber recognizes the importance of economic diversification and encourages the establishment of infrastructure to support our community's future needs.

We recommend that the Trustees consider and approve this proposal.

Sincerely,

Dennis Rose, President

Cordova Chamber of Commerce

#### CORDOVA CITY COUNCIL

#### CORDOVA, ALASKA

### RESOLUTION 93-74

A resolution of support for five recreation projects submitted to the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill (EVOS) Trustee Council's Prince William Sound Recreation Project by the City of Cordova and the Cordova Sporting Club.

WHEREAS, The EVOS Trustee Council has created the Prince William Sound Recreation Project for the purpose of assessing damage to recreation resources caused by the oil spill, and

WHEREAS, The Trustees have solicited proposals for recreation projects that might be eligible for funding with settlement funds, and

WHEREAS, The City of Cordova and the Cordova Sporting Club have submitted five proposals under this program, and

WHEREAS, the proposals are:

- -Improvements to Fleming Spit Recreation Area
- -Improvements to the "Morpac Hill" campground
- -Improvements to the Odiak Camper Park
- -Ski Hill Recreation Area
- -Establish Historical Marine Park

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cordova City Council finds that these projects meet the criteria for funding under this program, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council finds that these projects would be very beneficial to the community and that they have broad based community support, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council strongly endorses these projects and requests that the EVOS Trustee Council give them serious consideration for funding.

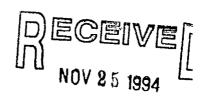
PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 3rd DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1993

Marco K. Abbuson / Mayor

Lynne Martin-Steen, Acting City Clerk

## Cordova Sporting Club

P.O. Box 2056 Cordova, Alaska 99574



EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILE TRUSTEE COUNCIL

November 21, 1994

To Whom It May Concern,

The Cordova Sporting Club, at it's October 1993 monthly meeting did vote unanimously to lend whatever support necessary to maintain the Fleming Spit area as a recreational fishing area. This would include maintenance of future enhancements and structures should they come to be. We would use volunteer labor from our members or financial assistance if necessary.

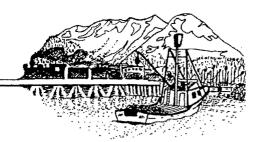
This aid would be available should the City of Cordova be unable to provide such maintenance.

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David A. O'Brien

President

# CITY\_OF\_CORDOVA



December 30, 1994

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EXXON VALUES, OIL SPILE
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Molly McComb EVOS Trustee Council 645 G Street Anchorage, AK 99501

RE: FLEMING SPIT RECREATIONAL FACILITY

Dear Molly,

On behalf of the City of Cordova, I would like to express support for the Fleming Spit Recreational Facility project. Upon completion it will be a great asset to the City and it's residents.

If there is anything I can do to assist in acquiring this project, please do not hesitate to telephone.

Sincerely,

Scott Janke by Beckham Scott Janke City Manager

### Copper River/Prince William Sound Advisory Committee

P.O. Box 1558 • Cordova, Alaska 99574

February 2, 1995

Molly McCammon, Executive Director Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council 645 G Street Anchorage, Alaska 99501 DECEIVED N FEB 6 1995

EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL

Dear Ms McCammon:

The Copper River/Prince William Sound Fish and Game Advisory Committee has supported the Flemming Spit terminal fishery project since its very beginning. In the ensuing years we have initiated and successfully convinced the Alaska Board of Fisheries to adopt regulatory changes which would enhance the sportfishing experience at Flemming Spit. What is needed now however, are facility improvements which enhance the health, safety and accessibility of recreationists at the Spit. We encourage the EVOS Trustee Council to support proposals which address this pressing need.

The Flemming Spit fishery is enjoyed by residents and visitors alike. More importantly however, intensively utilized terminal fisheries such as the Spit allow managers to direct fishing pressure away from the small, fragile wild-stock systems of Prince William Sound and the Copper River Delta. This is an important consideration as we adapt to the rapid increase in visitation and the associated increases in sportfishing pressure which followed the oil spill.

We believe the Flemming Spit proposal is consistent with established restoration goals and similar to other projects underwritten by the Trustee Council. We urge Council members to support this important project.

Sincerely,

George Covel

Chairmen, CR/PWS Advisory Committee

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April 12, 1995

Dr. Joe Sullivan
Resource Program Manager
Habitat and Restoration Division
Alaska Department of Fish and Game
333 Raspberry Rd.
Anchorage, Alaska 99518-1599

Re: Proposed Spawning Channel--Project Port Dick Creek, Lower Cook Inlet: Project I.D. Number--95139

Dear Dr. Sullivan:

I fully support the Port Dick spawning project that Nick has proposed. It is way past time to fund fish related restoration in Lower Cook Inlet.

I continue to be amazed that no such activity has been funded by the Trustee council in this area. I have been a fishermen in these waters for years and have experienced the repercussions of the spill through its negative impact on all runs in this area. The outer coast of the Peninsula was especially hit by the spill so Nick's project is a good one to begin with.

Lets get this project funded and implemented so we can move on to the next one. It is time.

Sincerely,

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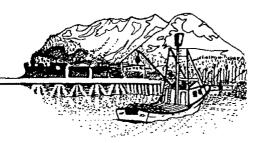
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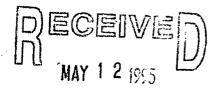
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FISH & GAME HABITAT & RESTORATION

# CITY\_OF\_CORDOVA



Date: May 10, 1995



EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILI.
TRUSTEE COUNCIL

To: Molly McCammon, Executive Director

From: Lynda Plant, City Clerk

Re: Cordova City Council Resolution 5-95-35

Please find enclosed the above referenced Resolution supporting the Fleming Spit Recreation Area Project #95080 which was approve at a special council meeting held May 8, 1995.

**Enclosures** 

### CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA

#### **RESOLUTION 5-95-35**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA IN SUPPORT OF THE EVOS TRUSTEE COUNCIL FLEMING SPIT PROJECT #95080

WHEREAS, The Cordova Sporting Club presented to the EVOS Trustee Council a proposal to restore and enhance sport fishing opportunities in the Fleming Spit Area which were lost or reduced because of the spill; and

WHEREAS, The proposed project has been endorsed by the Cordova Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Council as a worthy project which will restore and improve the fisheries in the Fleming Spit area;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, hereby supports the EVOS Trustee Council Fleming Spit Project #95080 (attached);

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, will enter into an agreement as described in the Project Implementation.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 8 DAY Mayor Margy K. Johnson

Encls: Fleming Spit Recreation Area Project #95080

Cordova City Council Resolution 93-74

Planning & Zoning Commission Resolution #93-07

### **Cordova Sporting Club**

P.O. Box 2056 Cordova, Alaska 99574 (907) 424-3246 FAX (907) 424-3245

May 23,1995

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustees Council Restoration Office 645 G Street, Suite 401 Anchorage, Alaska 99501-3451 Re: Fleming Spit Project

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EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL

Dear Trustees,

We have been informed that you plan to meet here in June. We welcome you, hope you enjoy your stay, and hope that you can make some time to view our beautiful surroundings. We especially invite all of you to visit the Fleming Spit area. This year's smolt will be arriving on the First of June and placed in the net pens. We could arrange for you to view or participate in feeding them. Word is that there are already king salmon being caught at the Spit. We could arrange some borrowed tackle and could lead you to a license vendor if any of you are interested. High tide is the best time to fish. The high tides are at 4:36pm on Thursday, June 1, and 5:15pm on Friday, June 2, if you wish to arrange your agenda to take advantage of this opportunity. Those will be the best times to view people utilizing the resource, and some will be benefiting from the fruits of our labors.

Every year at this time anglers flock to the spit to try their luck. During this time the members of the Sporting Club get to witness the enjoyment that these people receive. We hear it in the screams of delight on a hookup, or the frantic cries of help from a young angler who has hooked too much for him or her to handle. We see it while viewing someone netting the fish of a stranger, or someone lending a lure to someone who just lost their last one. We laugh at the inventive ways that different people have of dispatching their fish. We marvel when small children find the most interesting stuff under a rock while mom is yelling for someone to please get the net. Our hearts break along with the line when the fish wins. We applaud when a young angler proudly tries to lift his or her first catch. We smile because we know we had a big part in bringing all of this about.

We ask that you help us continue this legacy. The improvements that we are asking you to help us build will benefit not only the people, but all of the surrounding area. A deeper pond will protect its natural inhabitants from predators. The fishing boardwalk will protect the people from the environment and the environment from the people. An alternate place to fish will draw people away from the runs of wild stocks that are threatened by increased pressure every year.

I will be available at the above numbers to answer any further questions or to fulfill any further requests that you may have. We do not envy you your tasks. Please contact me with your concerns so I can forward them to the rest of the club and provide you with answers or information. Thank you.

David A. O'Brien, President

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Cordova, alacka 99574 EVOS Trustees Council; Please he informed that I support The Fleming Spit Project as outlined by the Cordova Sporting Club in their recent newsletter. This area how quat potential and is sorely in need of blevelopment. Even steps down the bank in several places would be a hig help. Older people find the rocks & ralling gravel dangerous and an impediment to utilizing the fishing opportunities which exist there. This project is long overdue and has my full support. Great plan. Sencerely, Levia B. Buchele

June 1,1995

EVOS Trustee Council 645 G Street Suite 401 Anchorage, Alaska

Re: Fleming Spit Recreational Area

Dear Sirs:

I have been an avid sports fisherman for years. The project that is proposed in Cordova has been on the books for years. The community is and has supported the project with resolutions, letters, and public comments.

I support this project in its entirety. The use of the area for the sportsman/women would both help the community economically and socially. The fact that the boardwalks will be ADA accessible is great. The elderly in our community has the right to get out and fish and enjoy the facility here in Cordova. Those handicapped will be able to catch Kings, and Silvers from the boardwalk.

I have seen a few people fall on the rocks. I have assisted some who have been injured while with the ambulance crews. I have seen some folks not being able to large rocky area.

I truly enjoy the fishing here in Cordova. The project would make fishing for my five (5) children a lot more pleasurable. I think the Trustee Council would get a needed feather in their hat.

Sincerely,

George R Keeney

PO Box 151

Cordova, Alaska 99574

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EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL
TRIISTEE COUNCIL

To: Ms. Molly Mc Cammon Exxon Valdey Oil Spill Trustols Council

my name is Kris D. anderson Dwork in construction and commercial fish. I have been a continuous resident of Claska since 1982, Cordova since 1990 and have lived at the shelter Cove/Fleming spit area for the past 4 years. I am also a registered note.

concern if the City of Cordova is awarded their grant application to buy the land surrounding shelter cove and express my opinion of all the good shelter Cove has done for people in the past and present.

A good number of Cordova residents
how lived at the Cool when they first
came to town or at some time, since it
is an inexpensive place to live, which is
a big help to people starting out in a
mew town. There are about a dozen people
that live at the Cove year around. Most of
us have lease agreements with the land owners:
ex-judge now anchorage attorney Richard B. Collins,

sea plaska Corporation. Also quite a few people ramp out at the Cove every summer. It is much nicer than the one city camper park which is built on the old city landfull right next too the present day landfull which does not look or smell the nicest. There is a community sauna at the Cove which alot of people from town and the Cove which alot of people from town and the Cove is and enjoy on a regular basis which I believe would be torn down if the City is given the grant monies.

my neighbors and The people who camp our will be evicted from our homes if The City is awarded their grant application.

The reason of believe people will be exicted is because that is what the City tried to do the fall of 1994 to the people who live on sea Alaska Corporations properly. They put interior notices on peoples cabins and tents which prompted those people to contact the sea alkaska Corporation and work out a lease agreement with them.

Personally of do not see how the City would make the Coul a better place than it sheady is . The sport fisherman catch

Then fish, the campers have a nice place to camp and the people who like living at the Cove have a home. I believe the only thing the City sees when it looks on at the Cove are tourism dollar signs. I see my time spent at the Cove as a agift and I am truly grateful. I hope other people are given the same opportunity as me in the juture. Please leave Shelter Cove the way it is. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully

Kris. A. anderson

P.S. I would appreciate any information you could send me on the status of this particular grains application and confirmation that you received my letter Thanks

KRIS S ANDERSON
P.O. BOX 892
CORDOVA, AK. 99574

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# GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT LETTERS REFERRING TO THE SMALL PARCEL PROGRAM

## The Alaska Reforestation Council DEPARTMENT OF THE ALASKA RESOURCES

### **Forest Tree Improvement Cooperative**

OCT 03 1994

P. O. Box 242081 Anchorage, Alaska 99524-2081

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE ANCHORAGE

TO:

Participants in the Ecosystem Management Research and Development Partnership of Alaska and Others (Distribution list enclosed)

SUBJECT:

Comments - Environmental Impact Statement for the Exxon

Valdez Oil Spill Restoration Plan, June, 1994.

FROM:

Earl P. Stephens, Executive Director,

DATE:

September 30, 1994

During our Breakfast Meeting of September 20, 1994, we were made aware of the number and nature of the responses to the Environmental Impact Statement for the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Restoration Plan of June, 1994. In brief, many of the responses were merely copies/duplications which supported the spending of \$564 million of the remaining \$620 million to acquire land! We believed this distortion did not represent a rational approach to the restoration of oil spill impacted habitats and decided to try to do something about it even though the comment period extended only for 45 days during June and July. We still have hopes of influencing the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council, but we must get our comments to them pronto.

Thanks to Bill Palmisano for copies of the EIS summary and comments.

Our strategy is this: Using the information contained herein, or any other you might have, either develop a comment to the EIS on your own or endorse the one of the Alaska Reforestation Council included herein. In either case, get your comments or endorsement on proper stationary and forward by mail and/or fax to the Oil Spill Trustee Council as soon as possible. I would appreciate your reaction to this strategy.

John Sibert and John Sandor brought us up-to-speed regarding the preparation of research proposals. I was favorably impressed, especially with the policy of the Alaska Science & Technology

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Foundation's willingness to review proposals almost anytime and to offer counseling to those preparing the proposals. My understanding is that our Partnership will be preparing three proposals for the ASTF:

- 1. Develop a field manual Trish Wurtz
- 2. Impact of spruce bark beetle on wildlife habitats and biodiversity Skeeter Werner
- 3. Transfer of Sitka spruce provenances John Alden

A "trial balloon proposal" will be spear-headed by me for the EVOS Council titled: "The Economics and Management Options of the Ecosystems Impacted by the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill".

The Soil Conservation Service and Koncor Forest Products Co., have joined our Partnership. This is great news, and they are welcome.

Things are looking up. Let's hope the trend continues when Congress decides upon the \$7.5 million request for us by Senator Stevens, which should occur during early October.

You will be kept informed.

Thank you, for your participation.

Enclosures

### The Alaska Reforestation Council

### **Forest Tree Improvement Cooperative**

P. O. Box 242081 Anchorage, Alaska 99524-2081

September 30, 1994

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

#### Gentlemen:

An oversight on our part has resulted in our failure to comment on your ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL RESTORATION PLAN, JUNE, 1994. We are favorably impressed with the candid, comprehensive approach taken to this EIS and hope our comments will be considered.

In general, we favor Alternative 5, The Proposed Action, which supports Comprehensive Restoration. We do, however, suggest some specific modifications.

### I. Use of remaining funds:

The remaining \$620+/- million would be used as follows:

\$300 million for research and monitoring \$200 million to establish a restoration reserve \$100+/- million for land acquisition

The funds can be used outside of the spill area, on watersheds/landscapes with anadromous streams for example, but in Alaska.

- A. Support research and monitoring at a minimum level of \$300 million.
  - 1. We believe more research is warranted, broad-based, long term, ecosystem research, inventory, and monitoring to document:
    - a. The ecological integrity of areas not impacted by the oil spill for baseline comparison
    - b. The degree of impairment of ecological integrity of areas impacted by oil, bark beetle, and other disturbances.
    - c. The relationship of land/habitat, acquired and considered for acquisition, to the life cycle requirements of the marbled murrelet, etc.
    - d. The economics of restoration/multiple use: recreation, tourism, etc.

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- 2. Assure that lands acquired or otherwise preserved as part of the restoration program are contributing significantly and if not the actions required to raise their ecological integrities to acceptable levels. Old growth forests especially should be considered.
- 3. A focal point for ecosystem management research and development should be established and supported possibly in conjunction with the Ecosystem Management Research and Development Partnership of Alaska, which embraces the Long Term Ecological Research Program located at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, and the Institute of Marine Sciences in Seward.
- B. Establish a restoration reserve of at least \$200 million to continue long term research and to conduct other investigations as problems and questions arise. The acquisition of land and loans to assist restoration of private lands, including small businesses, also would be considered. Adaptive management would be encouraged.
- C. Dedicate \$100+/- million to support the rational acquisition of land as a strategy for restoring damaged species and biological diversity.

Since the restoration of marbled murrelets is so prominently associated with land acquisition, habitat protection, and significant negative impact on the forest industry, it would be important to document the process by which marbled murrelets were determined to be impacted by the spill while many others species of birds killed by the oil were not, and also, how the millions of dollars proposed to be spent on habitat protection and the \$300 million projected loss to the forest industry might specifically affect recovery. This is particularly significant in light of the relatively small amount of land subject to acquisition versus the thousands of acres already in protected status as national forests, national parks, national wildlife refuges, and state-owned lands. If acquisition of forest lands is crucial to resource restoration, it is essential that more be learned of the overall resources and ecological processes which may affect the lands. Bark beetles, for example, may destroy nesting habitats for murrelets after millions of dollars have been spent on acquisition. Increased emphasis should be placed on research of acquired land.

We appreciate this opportunity to comment and hope our suggestions will be considered. We believe that knowledge is the key to a happy, healthy, and progressive society.

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Sincerely,

Earl Stephens PhD Executive Director

Alaska Reforestation Council

# Selected Comments on June 1994 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Exxon Valdez Oil Spill

Two alternatives seem to describe the range of options likely to result in long-term policy for the expenditure of the remaining \$620 million.

### Alternative 2

Would spend \$564 million of the \$620 million for land acquisition or protection. \$31 million would be spent on monitoring and research. Also this alternative focuses primarily or exclusively on injured resources limited to the spill area. No restoration reserve is provided for.

### Alternative 5

Would spend approximately \$300 million for land acquisition and protection and \$150 million for monitoring and research. A restoration reserve would be established with \$125 million. Funds could be spent outside the spill area, and this option represents the broadest scope of restoration activities.

Emphasis on acquisition and protection of coastal forests is central to all alternatives, and several hundred million dollars may be spent on acquiring such lands from private sources. The timber industry could be affected by shifting logging to unprotected areas; also, it is not apparent there exists a direct link between lands scheduled to be acquired and resources specifically damaged. For example, the EIS states the recovery of the marbled murrelet is threatened by actual or potential logging of old growth forests.

Since restoration of marbled murrelets features so prominently in land acquisition, habitat protection and potential significant negative impact on the forest industry, it would be helpful to document the process by which marbled murrelets were determined to be impacted by the spill when many other species of birds killed by the oil were not and, also, how the millions proposed to be spent on habitat protection and the \$300 million projected loss to the forest industry might specifically affect recovery. This is particularly significant in light of the relatively small amount of land subject to acquisition vs. the thousands of acres already in protected status as national forests, national parks, national wildlife refuges, and state-owned lands. Collectively these publicly-owned lands amount to over 13 million acres. If acquisition of forest lands is crucial to resource restoration, it is essential that more be learned of the overall resources and ecological processes which may affect the lands. Bark beetles, for example, may destroy nesting habitat for murrelets after millions have been spent on acquisition. Increased emphasis must be placed on research on acquired land.

Alternative 2 would have a significant negative impact on forestry with loss of 440 jobs and \$380 million over 10 years. Alternative 5 would result in some forestry industry losses (-143 jobs and \$280 million) but would not be as significant as Alternative 5.2

Bottom Line: Alternative 5 seems the most rational option. The one thing that appears lacking in Alternative 5 is emphasis on inventory, monitoring and research in the acquired forest lands to ensure that they accomplish the restoration objectives.

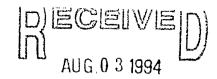
- Support rational acquisition of land as a strategy for restoring damaged species. Direct relationship between acquisition and expected restoration results should be made.
- 2. Support creation of restoration reserve of at least \$125 million.
- 3. Support an integrated, ecosystem approach to inventory, monitoring and research at minimal level of \$165 million.
- 4. A significant portion of the inventory, monitoring and research funds should be devoted to ecological studies of acquired lands, especially old growth forests. The purpose would be to ensure they are managed or conserved in such a manner that restoration goals are accomplished including public uses.

- 5. Under "typical actions" listed for Alternative 5, specific reference should be made to acquired lands. Lands acquired or otherwise preserved as part of the restoration program will be adequately monitored and researched to ensure they contribute to the restoration program.
- 6. A focal point for old growth forest ecology should be established possibly in conjunction with the Institute for Marine Sciences facility in Seward. The forest ecology center would coordinate and conduct long-term studies of old-growth forests and provide information useful to the conservation of forest-dependent resources.

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### EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL

30 JUL 1994

Dear Senator Murkowski:

I would like to comment on your newspaper article in the Anchorage Daily News Forum/Letters Section on July 30, 1994 entitled 'No more land buys; spend Exxon spill money on science'. While I agree that spending the spill money for scientific research studies and wildlife restoration projects are needed and a substantial portion of the funds should be allocated for this use, some of the funds are greatly needed for land acquisition.

The most important land acquisition that has been reviewed by the fund's trustees is native patented lands which are private in-holdings in the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge. Some of these in-holdings, e.g., lands adjacent to the Karluk River, are 'World Class' wildlife habitat (Kodiak brown bear and salmon) and recreational lands that are undeveloped at this time. These native lands on Kodiak Island are subject to development in the near future with subsequent loss of wildlife value and even more important, the loss of undeveloped lands which draw tourists and recreationists to Alaska from around the world. These lands are worth preserving not just for their wild character and wildlife habitats but for the economic stability of Alaska. Alaska can no longer continue to lose 'World Class' habitats and recreational resources for small gains by local private corporations.

The lands on Kodiak Island, especially the Shelikof Strait side of the island, were impacted by the Exxon oil spill and therefore, do have a direct tie with the expenditure of spill funds from the civil settlement. Funding for buying back native corporation lands in the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge are not likely from Congress or any other source at this time. This is all the more reason that the spill funds could be instrumental in preserving conservation units that would serve Alaska well for an eternity. This is truly these lands 'highest and best' use for all Alaskans. And it will pay rich dividends to Alaska on a perpetual basis. Can Alaskans afford to 'pass up' this great opportunity? Not until decades pass and many natural areas no longer exist and Alaska loses some of its glitter as a destination for those seeking wild expanses will many people realize that once we had a golden opportunity to make a wise choice but somehow we let it silently slip away.

Senator Murkowski, I hope you will reconsider supporting and spending some of the Exxon spill monies for land acquisition. I am certain that it is in the best interest of Alaska and that most Alaskans support it.

Bill Quink BILL QUIRK (Biologist) 384-3010 Twenty-Five Year Alaskan

P.O. Box 143009

Anchorage, Alaska 99514

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### CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 96-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, SUPPORTING THE USE OF EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF PRIVATELY OWNED LANDS WITHIN THE VALDEZ DUCK FLATS AREA

WHEREAS, the 1989 oil spill of the Exxon Valdez created notoriety and increased interest in Prince William Sound, the surrounding area and the City of Valdez; and

WHEREAS, much of this enhanced interest centers around recreational opportunities available within the Valdez area which were impacted by the largest oil spill in U.S. History; and

WHEREAS, this impact and future implications of the 1989 oil spill are directly related to the restoration and protection of tidelands important to the visitor and tourism industries, commercial and sports fishing activities within the Valdez area; and

WHEREAS, the Valdez City Council agrees that the purchase of certain privatelyowned property would serve a public purpose by providing additional protection for adjacent tidelands; and

WHEREAS, Parcel #2, Portion of United States Survey 635, a 4.29 acre parcel of real property within the City of Valdez, located at the corner of the Richardson Highway and Chitna Drive has been offered for sale by the owner:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, that the Valdez City Council supports the protection of environmentally sensitive lands within City boundaries and, therefore, supports the purchase of the above described real property, by and through Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Funds.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, this <u>80th</u> day of February, 1996.

CITY OF YALDEZ, ALASKA

John L. Harris, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheri Caples, City Clerk

### PHONE COMMENT LOG

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