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March 13, 1996

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

Re: Habitat Protection and Acquisition Program

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

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

The following summary of completed transactions highlights our concern:

Kodiak Region: Total of 278,089 Acres
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Kenai Peninsula: Total of 23,800 Acres
23,800 acres private inholdings in Kachemak Bay State Park

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

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

Thank you for your time and consideration of this issue.

Sincerely,

Steve Behnke
Executive Director



The National Outdoor Leadership School
Alaska Branch
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Don Ford
Branch Director

March 12, 1996

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

Re: Habitat Acquisition in Southwestern Prince William Sound

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

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

NOLS is concerned that Southwestern Prince William Sound not be overlooked when making acquisitions. To date \$161.5 million of the \$375 million earmarked for habitat protection and acquisition has been spent; yet, some of the most seriously affected resources within the oil spill region remain threatened. While we recognize the parameters within which the Trustee Council must work to successfully complete the complex negotiations, we would like to encourage the Trustee Council to now focus on Southwestern Prince William Sound.

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

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

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

Sincerely,


Don Ford

Director NOLS Alaska

December 28, 1994

To the Trustees:

I would like to express my thanks to the Trustee Council for their December 2nd decisions regarding the Kodiak Island lands. I am especially happy about the offers that were made for the lands on Shuyak Island and North Adognak. Keep up the good work!

Thank you,
Aussanne Percher
P.O. Box 8367
Kodiak, AK 99615

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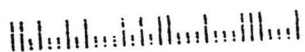
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EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL
645 "G" STREET
ANCHORAGE, AK 99501

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World.

Wish all of you a
very happy Christmas
Season and a happy
New Year.

Thanks for the careful
considerations and the
good work.

Please follow through on
Termination Point too.

Hans H. Tschersich
Kodish 12/12/74

Heitman Lake, Kodish

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EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL
TRUSTEE COUNCIL

To the Exxon Valdez
Trustee Council
and Staff:

Your wise decisions to
help preserve so much
of unspoiled land on
the Kodiak Archipelago
is the greatest gift of
this season to the people
of Alaska and the entire

Lee Dollar
1916 Harriman Ln
Redondo Beach, CA 90278

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council
645 G St.
Anchorage, AK 99509

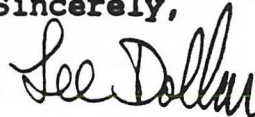
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I strongly urge you to spend ALL of the settlement funds to acquire the private lands within Chugach National Forest, Kenai Fjords National Park, Afognak Island, and Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge. Only in this way can the wildlife populations of the region recover.

Sincerely,



Lee Dollar

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EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL
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Philip Alan Turner
2 N.E. 60th Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97213
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EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL
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Exxon Valdez Settlement Trustee Council
645 "G" Street
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to give you my opinion of possibilities when dealing with funds from the the Exxon Valdez oil spill. I appreciate that your efforts have been done so far, and would like to emphasize the importance of saving the No. 4 Afognak Island area from further depredation. Although I live down in Oregon, I worked out of Waterfall Bay, and I feel that this area deserves the highest priority you can give it. As I was two bays away from the Paul's-Laura Bays area, I feel that you won't have the opportunity again to save a basically untouched, pristine wilderness area this close to Alaskan metropolitan areas. Please give it your highest priority in the upcoming decision-making period. If you want any more information from someone who has worked in that area, please have no hesitation in calling me at the above-mentioned address. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Philip A. Turner

Philip A. Turner

KODIAK CONSERVATION NETWORK

Information, Direction, Education, Action

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November 30, 1994

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustees Council
Attention: Jim Ayers, Executive Director
645 G Street
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Sirs:

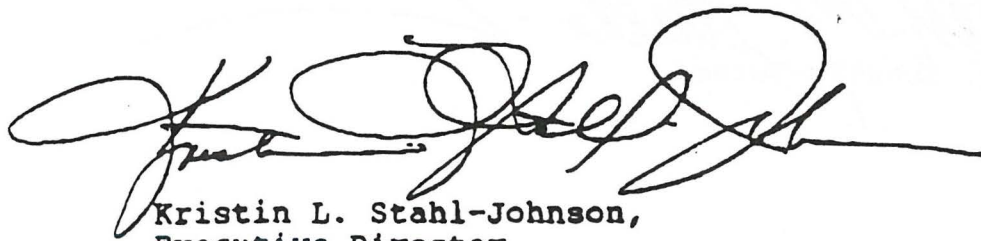
The Kodiak Conservation Network (KCN) was formed as a direct result of the impacts of the Exxon Valdez oil spill (EVOS) on our personal and professional lives. Our members have actively worked toward the development of effective spill prevention and response measures for Kodiak, as well as oil spill impact mitigation strategies that benefit the community and the surrounding marine ecosystem.

KCN strongly urges the Trustees Council to purchase the two parcels on north Afognak Island offered for sale by Afognak Joint Venture, Pauls and Laura Lakes and Shuyak Strait (AJV03 and AJV01). These parcels rank 1st and 3rd among the large parcel evaluation for the Kodiak Region, (1st and 7th among all 81 parcels rank in the entire analysis) and were in the direct path of the oil spilling out of Prince William Sound.

It is clear that the purchase of these lands, along with the Shuyak Island parcel from the Kodiak Island Borough (KIB01, ranked 5th in Kodiak, 10th overall), have a very high potential to benefit the restoration process in the area impacted by EVOS. Purchasing these lands ties together State park lands with the Red Peaks section of the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge, permanently protecting, on a macro-ecosystem scale, important and varied habitat which will provide longterm health and productivity to both wildlife and human communities while allowing injured resources to recover.

Thank you for putting this irreplaceable habitat back into the public trust.

Sincerely,



Kristin L. Stahl-Johnson,
Executive Director

Karen Schalka-Turner
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Portland, Oregon 97213
(503) 287-02361

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COMMISSION

November 22, 1994

Exxon Valdez Settlement Trustee Council
645 "G" Street
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

To Whom It May Concern (and it should be all of us):

I am writing to give you my opinion of possibilities when dealing with funds from the the Exxon Valdez oil spill. I appreciate all that your efforts have done so far, and would like to emphasize the importance of saving the No. 4 Afognak Island area from further depredations. Although now I live down in Oregon, I worked out of Waterfall Bay for six seasons, and this area deserves the highest priority you can give it. As I was two bays away from the Paul's/ Laura Bays area, I can say with authority that this area is of the tantamount importance to save for future generations. You won't have this opportunity again for a basically untouched, pristine wilderness area this close to Alaskan metropolitan areas. Please, please, please give it your highest priority in the upcoming decision-making period. If you want any more information from someone who has had an intimate working relationship in that area over a six-year period of time, have no hesitation in calling on me at the above-mentioned address. Thank you very much for your time and patience.

Sincerely,


Karen M. Schalka-Turner

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EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL
TRUSTEE COUNCIL

Michael Gershel
P.O. Box 771772
Eagle River, AK 99577-1772

Exxon Valdez Restoration Trustee Council
645 G Street
Anchorage, Ak 99501

November 23, 1994

Dear Council Members,

I wanted to thank you for your recent actions to protect important habitat areas on Kodiak Island. The Trustee Council has made tremendous progress in their habitat acquisition program. I commend you and your staff for looking out for the public interest by investing in acquisitions which will pay long term dividends for the general public.

It's my understanding that you will address a proposal to protect the highest rated habitat in the spill area at your December 2nd meeting. I am especially interested in the North Afognak properties. This area contains exceptionally rich wildlife and fisheries habitat. I hope you will do everything in your power to conserve this excellent resource for this and future generations.

Again, Thanks for your great work!

Michael Gershel

Sincerely,

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EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL
TRUSTEE COUNCIL

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Dear Sirs

I support the buy
back of the Coastal
lands from Native
owners and placing
these lands under park
ownership; these lands
are Natural for park ownership
and are important to the
Seward Tourist industry.

Sincerely,
Al Schofer
Box 610
Seward, Alaska
99664

Eric N. Lindquist
427 Old Town Court
Alexandria, VA 22314



DECEMBER 10
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EXXON VALDEZ CIL
SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL
645 G ST.
ANCHORAGE, AK 99509

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Dear Trustee Council members,
I am writing (as a private
citizen) to urge you to devote as much
as possible of the Exxon financial settlement
to the acquisition of habitat, specifically
private lands within Chugach National Forest,
Kenai Fjords National Park, Afognak Island and
Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge. If there
is any silver lining in the cloud created by
the Exxon Valdez disaster, it is the opportunity
to acquire and preserve ecologically significant
lands with settlement money. Sincerely,
Eric N. Lindquist

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TO THE EUDS TRUSTEE
Council -

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EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL
TRUSTEE COUNCIL

I would like to say
I am in total favor
of the buy back
proposal. and hope
you ^{will} ~~may~~ consider
my opinion when
making your decision

Thank you

Krista A. Clemens
Seward, Alaska

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909 Mission Rd
Kodiak, AK 99615
15 November, 1994

EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL
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Exxon Valdez Settlement Trustee Council
645 G St.
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Council members,

We urge you to follow through with your negotiations with Koniag Corporation for the purchase of lands within the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge. Lands on the north end of Afognak Island (especially the Pauls and Laura Lakes area) should also be purchased with Exxon monies.

Down the road we will be so glad that we spent lots of this money acquiring refuge inholdings and places like Pauls and Laura Lakes for public use! Thanks for making acquisition a high priority.

Sincerely,

Richard MacIntosh Molly MacIntosh

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November 21, 1994

EXXON Valdez Settlement Trustee Council
645 G Street
Anchorage, AK. 99501

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Dear EVOS Trustees;

EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL
TRUSTEE COUNCIL

Thank you for your efforts in purchasing land from Native Corporations on the South end of Kodiak Island. This is a win win situation for everyone, especially the fish and wildlife resources.

I urge you to purchase the north end of Afognak Island, especially the Pauls and Levee Lakes vicinity. This area is important habitat for brown bears, elk, and deer. North Afognak will be ruined if it is not set aside now. The area is being logged at an alarming rate.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Arnold Shawl
P.O. Box 2081
Kodiak, AK. 99615

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P.O. Box
3281
Kodiak, AK. 99615

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EXXon Valdez Settlement
Trustee Council
645 "G" St.
Anch., AK. 99501

Dear Council

Thank you very much for purchasing land on Kodiak and Afognak islands. I am writing to urge you to purchase all of North Afognak Island particularly the Paula and Laura Lake area. This area was rated the highest biologically in your study!

I've spent some time in the Paula-Laura area and I must say it is one of the most beautiful places in the state. The diversity of wildlife is amazing. If this area were to be logged the people of this state would be losing a great natural treasure.

Please purchase all of North Afognak island. I am counting on the council to come through with this purchase on your Dec. 3rd meeting.

Please copy this letter for the council members,
Thank you

Sincerely,

Peter M. Cleary

Sierra Club

Alaska Field Office
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Anchorage, Alaska 99501
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by Wilbur Mills

November 15, 1994

To: Jim Ayers
From: Pam Brodie *PB*
RE: letters to Trustees

We sent identical, personalized letters like this to each member of the Trustee Council. (All had cc's to you and Mike Davis. Deborah Williams was cc'd for Frampton; Bruce Botelho was cc'd for Craig Tillery.)

How are things going?

ALASKA RAINFOREST CAMPAIGN

Alaska Center for the Environment; American Rivers; Natural Resources Defense Council;
Sierra Club; Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund; Southeast Alaska Conservation Council;
The Wilderness Society;; Trustees for Alaska
1016 W. Sixth Avenue, Suite 200
Anchorage, Alaska 99501
(907) 274-7246 (voice)
274-7247 (fax)

November 15, 1994

George T. Frampton, Jr.
Asst. Secretary for Fish, Wildlife & Parks
U.S. Department of Interior
1849 C Street, NW MS 3156
Washington DC 20240
fax (202) 208-4684

Dear Mr. Frampton,

Thank you so much for taking action to protect wildlife habitat in Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge through comprehensive land purchases from Koniag, Akhiok-Kaguyak, and Old Harbor corporations. The Kodiak Refuge is unique in the world. By unifying the private lands to public lands in order to protect fish and wildlife habitat, you have given a precious and eternal gift to Alaskans, other Americans, and the people of the world. We hope and trust that the precious remaining Koniag lands will eventually also be purchased.

We are also deeply grateful for your clear commitment to comprehensive habitat protection throughout the oil spill area, as articulated in your resolution of November 2.

This success could only have been possible with the willingness of the Clinton and Hickel administrations to put aside their differences and work cooperatively to redress oil spill injuries and to respond to the wishes of the people of Alaska and to Americans across the country.

At the moment, the full promise of this historic cooperation has not been realized. The Trustees who have worked so hard over the last two years now have the opportunity to complete their work by implementing a comprehensive, balanced plan for habitat acquisition and protection at your December 2 meeting. It will not be easy, but it is clearly possible. In particular, the lands on North Afognak Island, the Eyak lands in Eastern Prince William Sound, and the coastline of Kenai Fjords National Park are of critical importance and need the Trustees' immediate special attention.

EVOS Trustee Council
November 15, 1994
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In your purchases of Kachemak Bay, Seal Bay, and Kodiak, you have shown that you have the will and the ability to cut through red tape and accomplish great things. We were particularly happy to see the Trustees' reference in your resolution to the Seal Bay model of negotiated agreements. We know that you can achieve historic agreements at your meeting December 2. We trust that you will.

Sincerely,

Pamela Brodie

Pamela Brodie
Sierra Club

Steve Kallick

Steve Kallick
Alaska Rainforest Campaign

Caryl Boehnert

Caryl Boehnert
Alaska Center for the Environment

Beth Norcross ¹³

Beth Norcross
American Rivers

Nathaniel Lawrence

Nathaniel Lawrence
Natural Resources Defense Council

Eric Jorgensen

Eric Jorgensen
Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund

Buck Lindkugel

Buck Lindkugel
Southeast AK Conservation Council

Pamela A. Miller

Pamela A. Miller
The Wilderness Society

Peter Van Tuyn

Peter Van Tuyn
Trustees for Alaska

cc: Mike Davis, Office of Environmental Policy
Jim Ayers, EVOS Trustee Council
Deborah Williams, Department of Interior

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Cheri Woods
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Venice, CA 90291

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Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council
645 G St.
Anchorage, AK 99509

EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL
TRUSTEE COUNCIL

Dear Trustees,

Government studies show that, five years after the Exxon Valdez oil spill, most populations of injured wildlife, including sea otters, seals, harlequin ducks, murrelets, and wild salmon, have not yet begun to recover. These species depend on the rain forest for their continued existence. However, large areas of forest along the 1500 mile stretch of coastline affected by the spill are scheduled for clearcutting in the near future.

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I strongly urge you to spend ALL of the settlement funds to acquire the private lands within Chugach National Forest, Kenai Fjords National Park, Afognak Island, and Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge. Only in this way can the wildlife populations of the region recover.

Sincerely,

Cheri Woods

Cheri Woods

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EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL
TRUSTEE COUNCIL
ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD

Sheldon A. Morris

425 Grant St.

Bridgeport CT 06610-3222

October 6th

Edon Valdez Oil Spill

Trustee Council

645 H Street

Anchorage, AK

Gentlemen:

I urge you to protect Alaska's rain-
forest from logging and other development
threats, and I urge you to support spending
at least \$500 million on habitat protection.

Yours Truly,

Sheldon Grippin Morris

OCT 11 1994

Martina Winn

658 Lincoln Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota 55105-3530
612-222-5476

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EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL
TRUSTEE COUNCIL

2 November 1994

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council
645 "G" Street
Anchorage, AK 99509

Dear Sir or Madame:

I am writing to urge you to use all of the settlement funds to acquire the private lands within Chugach National Forest, Kenai Fjords National Park, Afognak Island, and Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge. I believe that protecting habitat while funds are available to do so is the best way to ensure the sound's eventual recovery.

Thanks you for considering my views in this matter.

Sincerely,



Martina Winn

Carl Ullman
40 Linnard Road
West Hartford, CT 06107

October 24, 1994

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustees
645 "G" Street
Anchorage, AK 95091

Dear Trustees,

The \$600 million trust fund gives you a chance to expiate the Valdez tragedy.

How many times will you be handed such any opportunity during your lifetime?

The best use of the funds is to prevent the further tragedy of clear-cutting. Please consider using the fund to acquire lands and timbering rights in the Chugach and Kodiak.

Sincerely,

Carl Ullman

Carl Ullman

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To: James Ayers, Executive Director
Exxon Valdez Settlement Trustee Council
625 G Street
Anchorage, AK
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Nov. 1, 1994

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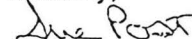
Dear Mr. Ayers:

I'm writing this letter to urge you and the Trustee Council to keep working for comprehensive, spill wide habitat protection packages which will include Chenega Lands, areas up for sale on Afognak Island and the Eyak parcels near Cordova.

I commend the great work you and the Trustees have already accomplished. Your foresight and stewardship means future generations of Alaskans will be able to enjoy the magnificence of Seal Bay and Kachemak Bays. Now you must dig in and consummate deals that will save Chenega's, Afognak's and Cordova's forests as well.

Thanks again for all your hard work so far but please remember, the job is far from done.

Sincerely,


Sue Post
Homer, Alaska

John Mangiameli
Anchorage, AK 99501

Jim Ayers and Trustee Council members
Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council
645 G Street
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Mr. Ayers and Trustees:

Tomorrow you will be meeting to dedicate funds for habitat protection and other restoration projects. I believe this is an unparalleled opportunity to purchase timber rights, conservation easements, and land to protect areas that might otherwise be developed in a manner that would deal another blow to the populations of fish, wildlife, and birds that were devastated by the oil spill. I understand that you expect to act on Kodiak Refuge parcels. While these areas are very important, they are part of a larger, comprehensive program that will protect habitat across the spill area.

Please don't stop with these deals. Eyak Corporation and Chenega Corporation own hundreds acres of densely forested land that is prime habitat for fish and wildlife. Parcels on North Afognak and the coastline in Kenai Fjords are also vital parts of the puzzle. Please continue to pursue these deals.



John Mangiameli
Anchorage, AK

John Mangiameli
June 1994

October 30, 1994

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

Trustee Council,

I'm writing to the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Council to implore them to use the oil settlement funds to acquire threatened habitat from willing private landowners. The following list are priority habitat acquisitions that we would like to be seen set aside for future generations to enjoy:

1. The Port Gravina/ Orca Bay; The old growth forests of eastern Prince William Sound near Cordova provide exceptional habitat for spill-injured species and support high value wilderness recreation and tourism.
2. Port Fidalgo; On-going logging activities here threaten the densely forested habitat along sheltered bays near Valdez and Tatitlek.
3. Knight Island Passage; Rugged mountainous island with intimate bays support growing wilderness recreation/tourism use and provide habitat for spill impacted species such as killer whales, harbor seals, bald eagles and salmon.
4. Kenai Fjords National Park; One of Alaska's crown jewels, the heart of this rugged coastline is threatened by logging and development on private lands within the park.
5. Port Chatham; This is the last stretch of intact forest habitat along the tip of the outer Kenai Peninsula coast.
6. Shuyak Straits; The Sitka spruce forest on northern Afognak is home to marbled murrelets, salmon, brown bear, elk and deer. The Shuyak Straits are a highly productive aquatic environment, a virtual "maritime interstate highway" for marine life.
7. Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge; Although logging poses no threat here, other proposed development activities would jeopardize prime brown bear habitat and other wildlife values.

The following people would like the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council to review the above listed areas to set aside using the Exxon settlement money.

Thank you,

Kristine M. Vangstad

Tmi Mulick

Janie Taylor

Steve Hilsen

Michelle Devine

Stephen Boyd

Robbie Kaplan

Gary Dearth

Jim Henry

October 29, 1994

Jean M. Conger
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Spokane, WA 99203

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645 G St.
Anchorage, AK 99509

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Sincerely,

Jean M. Conger

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Joanna Cocca
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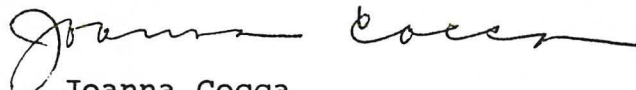
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Joanna Cocca

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D. LYNN MICKLESON, M.D.

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Palmer, Alaska 99645
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EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL
TRUSTEE COUNCIL

Jim Ayers, Executive Director
Exxon Valdez Settlement Trustee Council
645 "G" Street
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Mr. Ayers:

Please provide funding to buy back lands in Prince William Sound and along the coast to Kodiak. Try if possible to make comprehensive deals on Afognak and with the Eyak Corporation.

As a physician and long term resident of Alaska, I feel the greatest long term benefit and economic promise is keeping the forest intact in these areas. Intact forests will provide years of sustainable income from tourism, fishing and other local forest based industries. Clearcutting these lands is a short-sighted way to make a buck and will take a century or more to recover.

Specifically:

- 1.) Please focus attention on the Eyak Corporation lands near Cordova --- Port Gravina, Sheep Bay and Simpson Bay. Also please consider the purchase of all Eyak timber rights.
- 2.) Please purchase all of North Afognak Island especially the "Pauls and Lauras Lakes area". As your own study revealed, this is the highest biologically rated area.

Thank you for all your efforts so far. I know that negotiations and fund distributions can be a painfully complicated and slow process at times.

Sincerely,


Dr. Lynn Mickleson

P.S. Please copy this letter to other council members.

October 12, 1994


To: The Exxon Valdez Advisory Committee.

Fax: 907-276-7178

Dear Committee Members:

Alaska's economic future and prosperity depends on its renewable natural resources, especially those of its Oceans and Forests. In support of research to improve the growth and yield of the renewable resources, please establish a long-term investment fund under the auspices of the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation, or similar organization, to manage the earnings for resource development.

Sincerely,



John N. Alden
1117 Galena Street
Fairbanks, Alaska 99709

P.O. Box 21512

Juneau, Ak 99802

October 8, 1994

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Sincerely,
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EXHIBIT A OIL SPILL
TRUSTEE BUREAU

October 10, 1994
1404 Carroll Street
Durham NC 27707

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

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EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL
TRUSTEE COUNCIL

Dear Madames and Sirs:

I write to provide input concerning the question of how to spend the \$900 million dollars resulting from the civil settlement in the case of the Exxon Valdez oil spill. I wish to urge you to use the largest portion of the funds, at least \$500 million dollars, for habitat protection. Presently the preservation of wildlife habitat on a large scale is still possible, provided the huge amounts of money needed are well spent. Since logging and development are proceeding at a rapid pace, postponing purchases to an unspecified later time would not insure habitat protection, since by that time it would be too late. Unfortunately, wildlife habitat is not presently assured even in the natural parks and monuments, in part because of large private holdings inside or nearby park boundaries. Purchasing such lands would be a great service to all Americans. The significance of such an act would be increasingly appreciated as the years pass. This has been the case with essentially all of the national parks and wilderness areas in the lower 48, although few of these were established without considerable opposition.

A second reason to devote at least \$500 million dollars to habitat protection is the recent settlement of a second suit involving the Exxon Valdez oil spill which, if confirmed on appeal, will pump vast quantities of money to businesses in the southern Alaska coastal region. This will only speed up the pace of exploitation and development. Given how much the region has changed in the short period of 25 years since I first set eyes on it, the problem of habitat protection and ecosystem preservation has reached a level of urgency which requires an immediate response on a large scale. I hope that you will respond accordingly.

Sincerely yours,

Chad Schoen

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OCT 10, 1994

DEAR COUNCIL MEMBERS,

I AM WRITING TODAY TO URGE FOR THE USE OF ALL THE SETTLEMENT FUNDS TO ACQUIRE THE PRIVATE LANDS WITHIN CITWAH NATIONAL FOREST, KENAI FJORDS NATIONAL PARK, AFOGNAK ISLAND AND KODIAK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE. THIS WOULD ALLOW FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE UP FOR SOME OF THE DAMAGE DONE BY THE EXXON VALDEZ. WILDLIFE POPULATIONS SUCH AS: SEA OTTERS, SEALS, HARBORIN DUCKS, MURRELETS AND WILD SALMON COULD RECOVER. PLEASE RESIST PRESSURE TO SPEND MONEY ON RESEARCH FACILITIES.

Sincerely, C. M. Bell



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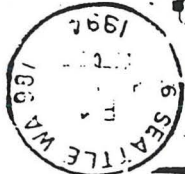
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CAROLE BLAKEY
306 SW BANK RD
ASHON, WA 98020

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DEAR SIR -

PLEASE BUY ALL
OF NORTH ARBORE
& MAKE IT INTO THE
NORTH ARBORE STATE
GAME REFUGE.

THANK YOU,
I AM A 20 yr
Indian

RESIDENT
HUNTER

NEAL R BERTKAM
PO BOX 2512

PROVIDENCE
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HORNED BLADDERWORT, CALVERTON PONDS

Horned Bladderwort, *Utricularia cornuta*, is a characteristic coastal plain pond species within the Peconic River Headwaters which includes Calverton Ponds. An underwater plant that catches small aquatic insects in sacs on its roots, the Horned Bladderwort sends a flower stalk above the water to bloom in late summer. (Photo: Don Sias)

10/1/94
Dear Trustees

I have just received the final EIS for the Restoration Plan. It is a monumental document. Once again, I urge you to support an Increase spending on Habitat protection to at least \$500 million.

Sincerely Yours

P. Z. Zadis, 115-64 220 St. Queens, N.Y. 11411

The Nature Conservancy is an international organization committed to preserving rare plants, animals and natural communities that represent the diversity of life on Earth by protecting the lands and waters they need to survive. For more information, write or call the Long Island Chapter, 250 Lawrence Hill Road, Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724. 516-367-3225



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Trustee Council
645 G Street
Anchorage AK 99501

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Miami, Florida 33133-6227

October 2, 1994

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council
645 G Street
Anchorage, Alaska 995091

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Dear Council Member:

EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL
TRUSTEE COUNCIL

The Exxon Valdez oil spill was a dreadful disaster that never should have happened and whose effects will be felt forever. I am concerned about these effects. Although I live in Florida, I care about what is going on worldwide. I recently read that you received settlement funds for the case. However, the fragile Alaskan ecosystem is deteriorating quickly and your funds could be useful.

The Chugach National Forest is being bought out by developers, miners and loggers at a rapid rate. The same is true for Kenai Fjords National Park, Afognak Island and the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge. I am urging you to use a portion of the settlement funds to buy out the private land in these areas. This would reduce the mining and oil traffic in these areas that could cause another such spill.

Environmentalists, ecologists and scientists are facing a great problem these days . . . funds. We are losing these funds to the government and national administrations. When funds appear, such as in this case, they must be used wisely. Why not use them to protect the very areas the spill damaged? This issue is of immense importance and needs to be addressed.

Awaiting your comments,

Sincerely,



Oliver Bernstein

September 27, 1994

Governor Walter J. Hickel
State Capitol, P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811

CPW-10127

Dear Governor Hickel,

I have two concerns I would like to bring to your attention;

1. I would urge you to support the allocation of a minimum of \$500. million for habitat protection and preservation. Some costly surveys and studies are of value but too many end up mouldering away in some obscure file storage with little benefit to anyone. I'm referring to dispersal of Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Restoration monies. Habitat is key to wildlife well-being, more so than any other single factor.

2. A popular, well used, and readily accessible recreational trail available to the people of Kodiak now faces endangerment by logging and or development. I'm referring to the 3 mile trail out to Termination Point. I urge you to use whatever means at your disposal to protect the integrity of this valuable recreational facility, both for the people of Kodiak, and for all Alaskans who visit there.

JAMES R. MAHAFFEY
9601 MIDDEN WAY
ANCHORAGE, AK 99507

Sincerely,
James R. Mahaffey

AKHIOK-KAGUYAK, INC.
5028 Mills Drive
Anchorage, AK 99504

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4300 B Street
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OLD HARBOR
NATIVE CORPORATION
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Old Harbor, AK 99643

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EXXON-VALDEZ Oil Spill Trustee Council
645 G Street
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL
TRUSTEE COUNCIL

Dear Members of the Trustee Council:

On behalf of Akhiok-Kaguyak, Inc. Koniag, Inc., and Old Harbor Native Corporation--Alaska Native corporations which are the major owners of inholdings within the boundaries of the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge--we are expressing to you our interest in working with the Trustee Council and its staff to facilitate the acquisition of our landholdings through the use of EXXON-VALDEZ Trust Funds.

We are very pleased to learn that the restoration staff had conducted a preliminary evaluation of 138,000 acres owned by Akhiok-Kaguyak, Inc. You should be aware that over 250,000 acres belonging to all three corporations are available for consideration. (In fact, Koniag, Inc. submitted a project proposal to your staff for its 112,000 acres in June, 1992 as did Old Harbor for its 35,000 acres).

We understand that on February 16, you voted to instruct your staff to contact all major landowners in the oil spill zone about their willingness to participate in discussions which could lead to acquisition of Wildlife habitat. Please accept this letter as our early and positive response to your action.

As we have advocated to the Council over the past year, our corporations are committed to a comprehensive habitat conservation and acquisition project within the National Wildlife Refuge system on the Kodiak Archipelago. The Project's potential benefit for all concerned--the public at large, the wildlife, Native and non-Native residents of the area, the people of Kodiak, as well as the rest of Alaska--in substantial.

The Kodiak Project would:

- Provide public access to lands now closed to such access;

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- Consolidate and enhance the management of the Refuge by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the management of Fish and Game by the State of Alaska;
- Conserve in perpetuity "brown bear" and other wildlife, as well as fish habitat so essential to a viable fishing industry;
- Stimulate economic growth including tourism in areas where such growth should take place for the benefit of Native and non-Natives alike; and
- Help protect the long-range viability of the rural Alaskan way of life and provide a lasting and positive legacy of our country's largest oil spill.

Our corporations are committed to working together to ensure that any acquisitions of our lands are accomplished in a fair and comprehensive way. We are, therefore, eager to provide your staff with any information which would aid them in their evaluation of our lands.

We look forward to discussions with the Council or your representatives at the earliest opportunity.

Sincerely,

AKHIOK-KAGUYAK,
INCORPORATED

Ralph L. Eluska

Ralph Eluska
President

KONIAG,
INCORPORATED

Uwe L. Gross

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Chief Executive Officer

OLD HARBOR NATIVE
CORPORATION

Emil Christiansen

Emil Christiansen
President

Gov. Michel - I have just written
to Evans Trustee Council all D&S
Comments - 1) Strengthen the "Habitat
Protection" budget to at least 500 million.
2) slash the budget for "General
Restoration" boardwalks. 3) Support
large organizations, not penny parcels
surrounded by clear cuts. 4) Save
the areas - Kew-Forest North Park,
Chesapeake Park, 12th Street Island,
Essex Island, Applegate Island,
Rocks in Narragansett Bay
Then are ALL US Bay important.

Thank you

Mrs. Richard H. Tisdale

MRS. RICHARD H. TISDALE
43 GREENWAY ST.
CRANSTON, RI 02910-5913



Dear members of the EHS Trustee Council,

On behalf of the Kadiak Education Society, I would like to thank you for the actions you took at the December 3rd meeting. We are delighted with the commitment you made towards habitat restoration throughout the soon affected region.

We also greatly appreciated your offers to the Kadiak Island Borough for lands on Shungash and ~~offer~~ to A JV for their land on Afognak. We hope these deals will be settled!

Your actions have helped brighten the Christmas season in Kadiak and we appreciate it! Keep up the good work.

Season's Greetings
Meilleurs Voeux
Felices Fiestas
Ποζγηπατηρια
طيب التحيات

Sincerely,

C. Mary Foster

Mary Foster

President

Kadiak Education Society

Thanks for your
help in preserving
the lands of the
Kodiak Archipelago.
What a great thing
you have done! I
sure hope you get a
chance to go look at
that beautiful place.

Sincerely,

Jay Halbert

To wish you all
the special things
This merry Christmas
season brings.

Merry Christmas.

May this wonderful season
of love and peace
warm your life with love
that will last through the year.

Thanks for
protecting Alaska's
lands!
Reg Tibbitts

Have a
wonderful Christmas
filled with all
of your favorite things.

Thank you for the land
acquisition in the Kodiak area.

It is wise use of the money
& will provide many happy Christmas
days for you & future generations

Tim Boyce

Kitoi Bay
Kodiak AK 99697

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Carolina Reyes
P.O. Box J26
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

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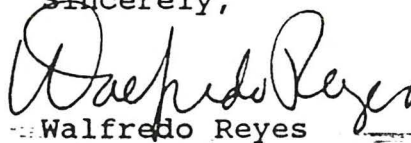
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Sincerely,


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Carolina Reyes

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Carolyn Swanson
5941 Camino Lane #5
Paradise, CA 95969

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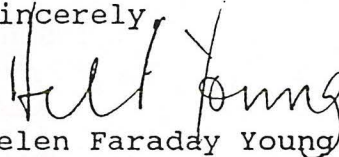
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Shanti Shanti Kaur Khalsa

Karen Licher
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Sedona, AZ 86339

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Sincerely,

Karen Licher

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Don Strachan
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Middletown, CA 95461

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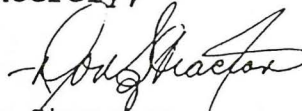
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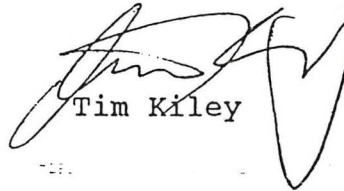
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Tim Kiley

Maurice M. Meir
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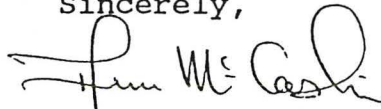
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Sincerely,

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Ann McCaslin

Connie McCabe
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San Simeon, CA 93452

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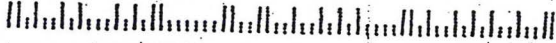
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Bill Denneen
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Nipomo, CA 93444

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council
645 G St.
Anchorage, AK 99509

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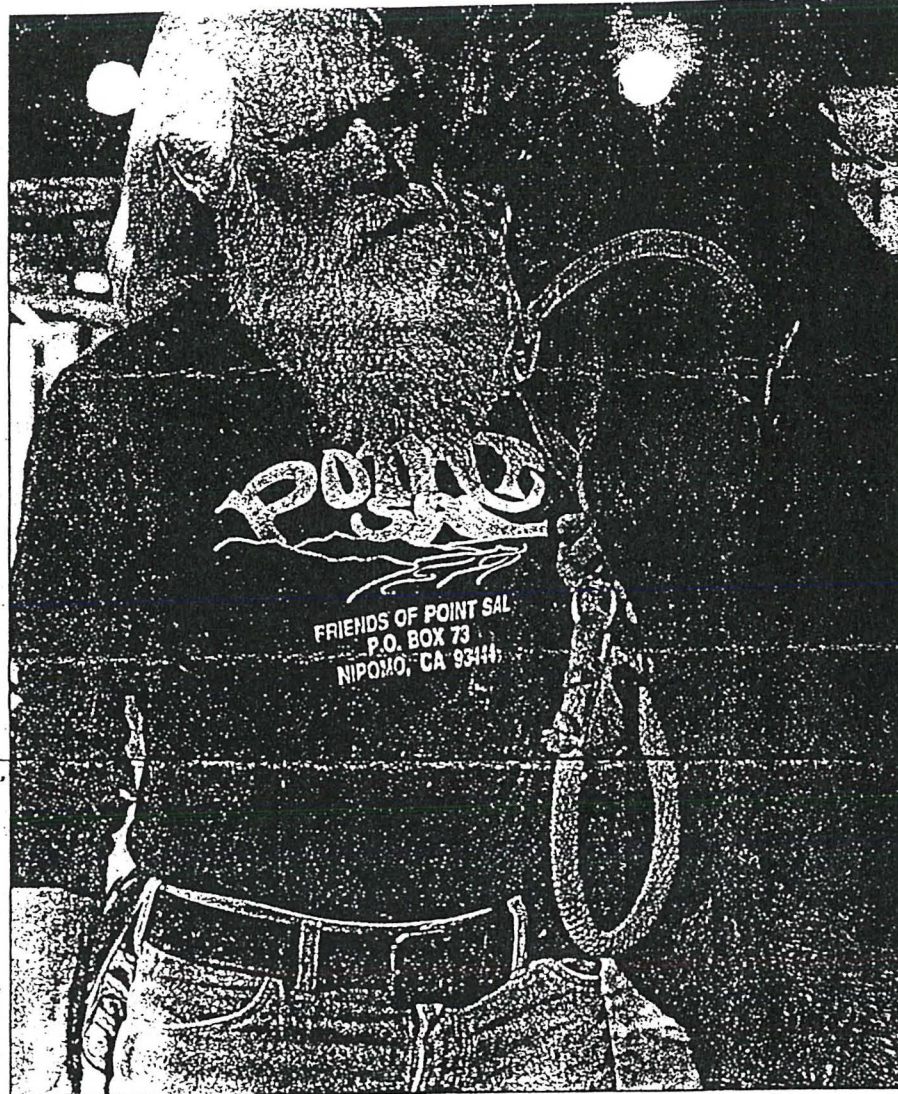
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Sincerely,



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Susan Goldman/Times

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Nipomo naturalist gains Sierra Club's highest honor

NIPOMO — This week, Nipomo naturalist Bill Denneen led a club hike on Monday, a hike through the Nipomo Dunes on Tuesday, and a horseback ride Wednesday. On Thursday, he led a tour of the Cayucos tide pools, and on Saturday he planned a visit to the Pinnacles National Monument.

It is because of his busy schedule leading people through the wonders of the local environment that Denneen was awarded the Sierra Club's prestigious Oliver Kehrlein award this year.

The award, given to only one person in the nation each year, honors people who consistently lead outings and educate the public about the environment.

Sierra Club officials will present the award to Denneen at a banquet in San Francisco May 1.

Gary Felsman, the local chapter's acting chair, who nominated Denneen, said his

knowledge, announced at the group's March meeting that Denneen won the award. Denneen said he was so busy that day — hiking, riding, or doing whatever he does — that he almost didn't go.

"It came the night of the meeting and I said, 'I don't know if I want to go, it's a long drive,'" Denneen said.

Felsman said Denneen is so active educating people about the environment that when he submitted Denneen's name for the award, he sent in a pile of papers a quarter-inch thick just describing Denneen's tours.

Denneen entered the conservation movement 30 years ago when he helped form the San Rafael Wilderness. He also spent 25 years sharing information about the environment as a biology and microbiology teacher at Hancock College.

One of the biggest fights in Denneen's years of activism occurred during the 1960s, when PG&E considered build-

ing a nuclear power plant on the Nipomo Dunes near Oso Flaco Lake. But, following a flurry of criticism from the public, PG&E built the plant at Diablo Canyon instead.

Now, the Nature Conservancy manages the Oso Flaco area, and Denneen feels comfortable that it will be protected. So he has turned his attention to the Pismo State Vehicle Recreation Area.

He is founder and chairman of the Citizens for a Vehicle Free Dunes and often attends public hearings to urge the elimination of vehicles from the dunes.

"When enough citizens realize this beautiful shoreline... is being run over by vehicles and noise we'll get rid of them," Denneen said.

When he's not lobbying to eliminate vehicles, he plans to rally behind a proposal recently released by a National Forest task force to reduce vehicle trails in local forests.

JoAnne Thompson
1903 El Camino de la Luz
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September 16, 1994

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Ken Garber



Sandra Garber

for the whole community. My interest was to improve the relationship between the community and the municipality and I feel that has improved.

My thanks to you Cordovans who continued to support me in our recent election despite the fact that I was not among those who won.

My congratulations to Jeff Guard and Bob Smith and I hope that they too will have the interest of the whole community as well.

Thank you, Mayor Margy Johnson, for your leadership and effort to draw the community together. A true politician is able to resolve conflict. Keep up the good work.

Thank you to each council member whom I have worked with on the council, I have appreciated all of you.

Patsy Fisher
Cordova

Thanks for buyback

The residents of Kachemak Bay are appreciative of your (Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council's) work to purchase the inholdings of Kachemak Bay state park. Many interest groups worked long and hard to support the park buyback. Thank you for understanding the importance of habitat protection and restoration.

We cannot sit back and rest though. We realize there are many habitat areas in the Exxon Valdez oil spill zones that need aid in the recovery of fish and wildlife species. Just like Kachemak Bay, there are many residents of Cordova and Kodiak that are working together with the community and private land owners to accomplish positive habitat protection. So many Alaskans are concerned about habitat issues. It has been over five years now. We all encourage the trustee council to do everything in their power to expedite and assist in accomplishing habitat protection.

Many of us young Alaskans hope to look back with a sense of accomplishment — knowing we have helped preserve and protect our future — the habitat of Prince William Sound and Kodiak's areas.

Shannon McBride
Homer

Revisit Capital move

The FRANK initiative is on the November ballot again as Ballot Measure No. 5. Many people have asked me why, since we adopted it in 1978, we have to do so again. To

office.

I have closely followed the track record of Don Young for the past two years. Knowing the tendency of my fellow Alaskans to blank out the news and the reports that have been aired on the voting record of Don Young, I am here to refresh your memories.

Don Young stood tall and voted 'No' on the Brady Gun Bill. This is a complete violation of our constitutional rights.

Young stood tall and voted "No" on the North American Free Trade Agreement. This is another violation of the Constitution and a treaty that has brought economic disaster to America.

Young stood tall and voted "No" on the horrendous Crime Bill. A bill that violates every American's Constitutional rights. He damn near spiked it.

Young's firm "No" on the Lobbyist Reform Bill may have raised a few eyebrows... until one understands the "rider" that was slipped in at the last minute. The rider labeling anyone a lobbyist who calls in their opinions on an upcoming bill to their congressmen or to the White House.

Under this lobbyist classification every caller would have to give their name, social security number, address and place of occupation. Failure to do so by the caller could slap him or her with a \$10,000 fine.

Think about this — how many are going to call, voicing their opinion, if they have to face a goon squad, ready to manhandle them to jail or to court? This pure dictatorship is muzzling the freedom of expression.

Don Young's stand on issues is affecting your freedom.

Look at it, read it and study it. Then maybe, just maybe, each of you will vote on the facts and not from your opinions.

Brooke Adkinson, Sr., a self-described "hermit," resides on Hinchinbrooke Island.

the capital to a site not less than 30 miles from Anchorage or Fairbanks. The exact site was to be chosen from a list prepared by what became known as the Capital Site Selection Commission. In 1976, three sites — Willow, Mt. Yenlo and Larson Lake — all in the Mat-Su Valley, were placed on the ballot and Willow was selected.

No price tag had been tied to Willow or any other site, so in 1977 three Fairbanks residents Carolyn Bushey, Charles B. Bettisworth and Mary A. Nordale, formed the FRANK Committee (then known as the Frustrated Responsible Alaskans Needing Knowledge) to circulate a petition to put the FRANK initiative on the ballot. The petition drive worked and in 1978 the FRANK Initiative and a bond proposition in the amount of \$966 million, part of a financing package prepared by the commission for the capital move, were on the ballot. Voters approved the FRANK Initiative and rejected the \$966 million bond proposition.

The legislature then enacted a bill to set up a Capital Site Planning Commission to develop a plan for the new capital city and determine both the total costs and the bondable costs of the move as required by the FRANK Initiative. That effort resulted in a bond proposition

again without a price tag. The FRANK Committee was reactivated to circulate another initiative, almost identical to the first one, to require cost disclosure and voter approval of the move costs if voters approve the move proposition.

Do we want to spend the money to move the capital? Maybe yes, maybe no. We should at least be given a chance to make the choice. The FRANK Initiative guarantees us that choice.

Guarantee your choice. Vote yes on Ballot Measure No. 5.

Mary A. Nordale
Juneau

IFQ Alliance needs Cordova fishermen

Cordova fishermen, the Alliance Against IFQs need you. We are in federal court with a strong case awaiting the last phase of oral arguments. How strong a case do we have? Consider what the IFQ and CDQ supporters have been saying and doing.

1) Clem Tillon was quoted in the Kodiak Daily Mirror on June 3, "I've looked at the lawsuit. Maybe it can get the lower court to change the outcome."

2) Seattle based FVOA had their lobbyists scampering in Washington, D.C. trying to attach a rider amendment to a bill specifying



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To quote Mei Mei Evans of The "Oil Reform Alliance" "The Exxon Valdez spill is a monument to negligence and callousness." Few will argue that the incident on March 24, 1989 subjected Alaskan waters, wildlife, and communities to an unprecedented nightmare. This nightmare lingers on for many of us, still affected by the spill, as Exxon manipulates the legal system, to suit its corporate needs. But, that's another story.

Few will argue, that Kodiak island was severely impacted, ~~by~~ ^{as} the onslaught of oil continued for the months ahead, to close our fisheries, bay by bay. And to kill our wildlife. We all recall how our community struggled to cope with the disaster, with VECO and Exxon, at the "helm" of our lives, and our livelihoods.

Most agree, that the Kodiak salmon seine fleet ~~was~~ ^{was} among the severely impacted fishing groups in 1989. In fact, most of us sat glued to our chairs throughout the long summer, in daily meetings with Exxon, DEC, ADF+H, waiting for that one ray of hope -- a bay clean enough to conduct a fishery.

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well, that didn't happen. And, while others were employed by VECO and Exxon en masse, Kodiak seiners suffered through a devastating summer of no fishing and no employment.

Area K Seiners emerged as a group during that unforgettable summer, through an oil containment program we developed. We have learned some valuable lessons. Our group has grown and developed since 1989, actively participating in a myriad of issues -- forest practices, ocean ecology, sea mammal protection ~~etc.~~ and others.

Area K Seiners is extremely interested in how the oil spill funds are spent and in the public process.

This is an unparalleled opportunity for affected citizens to be involved in the restoration of ~~the~~ ^{our} damaged coasts. We have several important recommendations when considering the public input process.

- We feel that the Public Advisory Group must be selected by the interest groups they represent, not appointed by government officials

- The Public Advisory Group must represent many diverse interests: commercial fishing, sport fishing, subsistence, environmental organizations etc.
- The Public Advisory Group should have separate subcommittees for the affected areas, which include local people who are not members of the P.A.G.

Regarding The oil spill funds, Area K Seiners supports, first & foremost, fish and wildlife habitat restoration through land acquisition. This is critical, in order to protect and ensure the long-term recovery of the Kodiak archipelago.

Afognak island is recognized as a "jewel" in The Pacific. Its value to commercial fishing and recreational interests, is obvious.

Afognak has natural ecological values which are vital to Kodiak's well-being, and are apparent in its stands of old-growth spruce forests, healthy salmon streams, the hatchery

The scenic beauty, and wildlife habitat for bear, elk, deer, fox, otter, eagles, hawks, waterfowl, to name a few.

While affected by the oil spill itself, Afognak remains open and vulnerable to intensive logging operations unless stringent measures are taken to protect critical areas.

A.K.S.A. also supports the acquisition of weir sites on Kodiak, located in several areas.

In conclusion, our group recognizes the complexity of managing this fund and has many concerns about the process. We feel the Trustees must carefully prioritize all suggestions for the funds. We discourage the use of this money in setting up bureaucracies for administrative purposes, and for the rampant dispersal toward requests, which do little for restoration of our damaged natural resources. We will continue to be involved in the process.

Andy Kahutak
Chairman
Akhiok-Kaguyak Corporation
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News Clippings

Land acquisitions prove bonanza for borough

By SUE JEFFREY

Mirror Writer

The Kodiak Island Borough received \$387,000 last week and about the same amount six months ago as compensation from the federal government for lost tax revenues.

Since 1978, when the Refuge Revenue Sharing Act became law, local governments receive money from the federal government when private land becomes federal property and is removed from the tax roles.

The borough deposits refuge revenue sharing funds, about \$800,000 over the past year, into the general fund budget. But only recently has the law generated much money for the borough, said KIB Mayor Jerome Selby.

"The borough only used to receive \$6,000-7,000 a year, or 25 percent of the total receipts the refuge took in from commercial operators — air taxis, guides and salmon setnet sites — because federal acquisition of private property was minimal until 1993.

"We are receiving more refuge revenue sharing money now — 3/4 of one percent of the market value — because 200,000 acres of private property has become national wildlife refuge land under the Exxon Valdez Trustee Council acquisition program," he explained.

Over the past several years, the council has purchased private parcels in the oil spill region, most of it Native claim lands, to

protect wildlife habitat and then transferred title to the state or federal government for preservation.

The council recently purchased 41,750 acres on Afognak Island. The pot of refuge revenue sharing money will likely increase because the council intends to transfer at least 6,200 acres to the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge.

"There's a narrow strip along Blue Fox Bay the council wants to make refuge land so all of Blue Fox Bay would be in the Refuge," said Jay Bellinger, KNWR manager. "And there's another strip between Waterfall Lake and the east boundary of the refuge which would become refuge land."

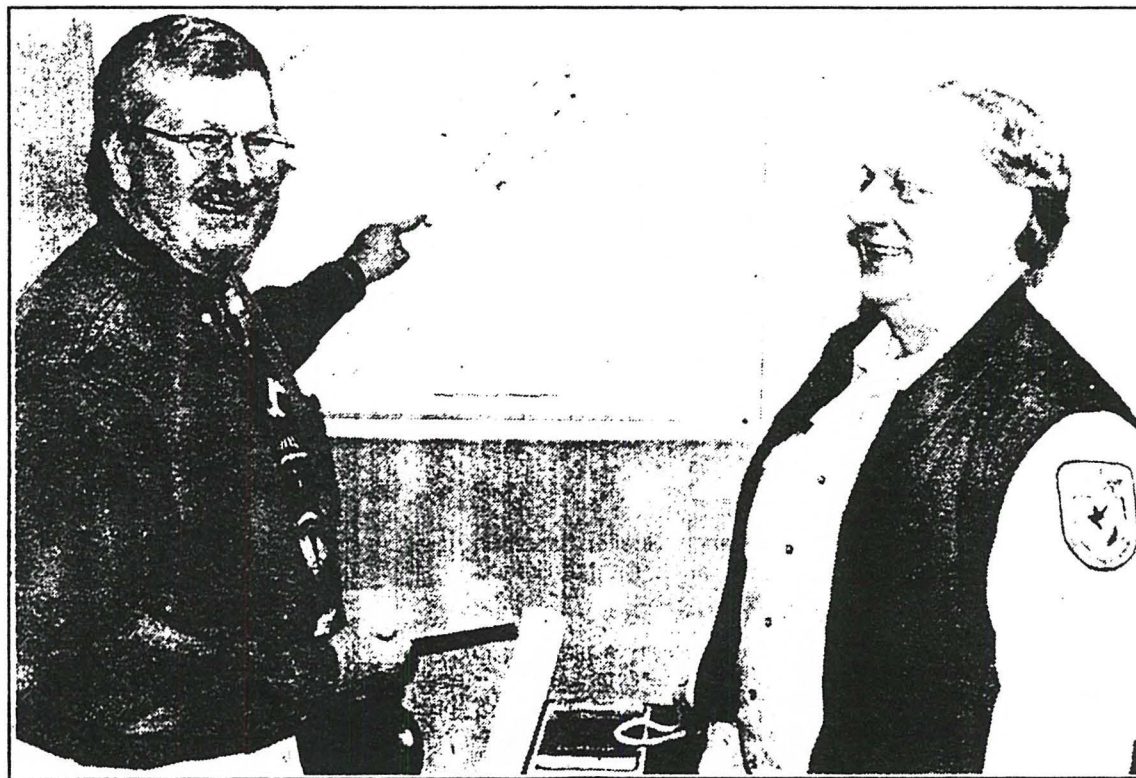
The remainder of the 41,750 parcel will become state property, which the council hopes the Legislature will make a state park.

"Making the Afognak parcel a state park has been part of the council's acquisition plan since 1993," said Joe Hunt, spokesperson for the EVOS Trustee Council.

The Afognak purchase is the last of the large parcel acquisitions, he said, but the council is still considering Termination Point and Long Island under its small parcel acquisition program.

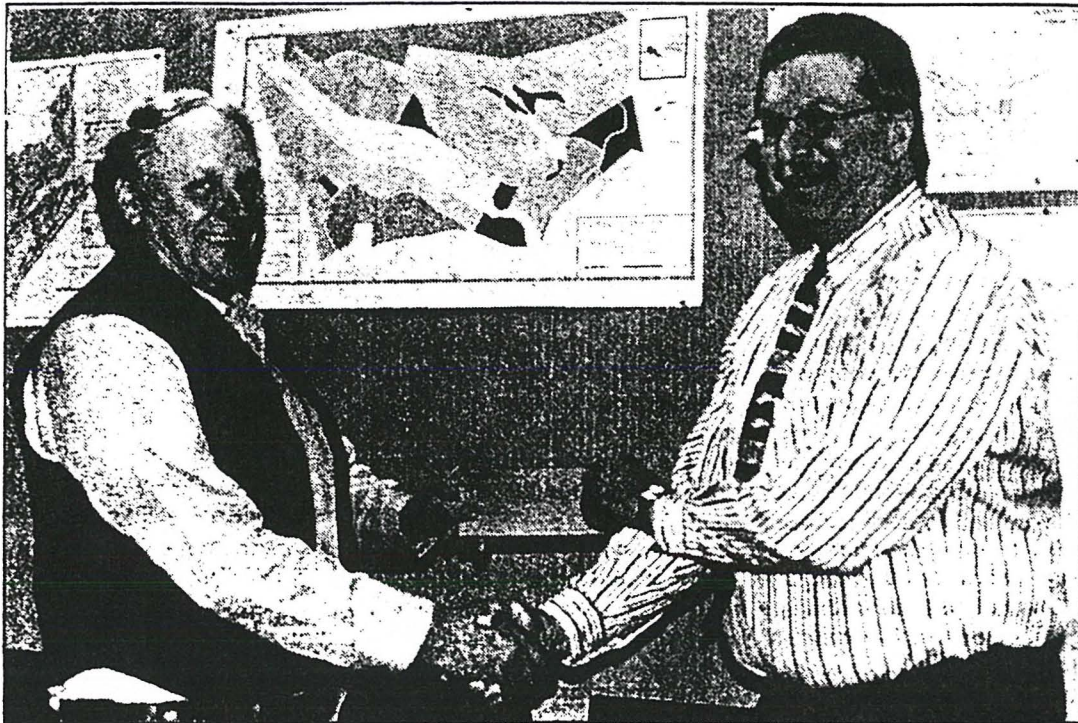
"We did the appraisal on Termination Point and the landowner (Leisnoi, Inc.) is reviewing it," he said. "But I don't think an appraisal has been done on Long Island (also Leisnoi property.)"

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Sue Jeffrey photo

Kodiak Island Borough Mayor Jerome Selby, left, and Kodiak National Wildlife Manager Jay Bellinger agree the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council land acquisition program is benefitting local taxpayers and the refuge.



Sue Jeffrey photo

Jay Ballenger, Kodiak National Wildlife Manager, hands Kodiak Island Borough Mayor Jerome Selby \$390,926 for payment-in-lieu-of-taxes, a program which compensates local governments for land owned by the federal government. The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council bought Native lands and turned the parcels over to the wildlife refuge, increasing the size of the refuge and the payment. Since Native lands are tax exempt until developed, the borough was not receiving tax revenues from them. The money will go into the borough general fund to help pay for the addition to Peterson Elementary, Selby says.

Dissident Akhiok shareholders want \$100,000 payout

ANCHORAGE (AP) — A Kodiak-based Native village corporation with a \$46 million windfall has turned to the courts to stop dissident shareholders demanding a \$100,000-a-person payout.

Akhiok Kaguyak Inc. and three of its board members say that agreeing to the payment would put the once-impo-verished corporation at financial risk. Akhiok realized the windfall in 1995, when it sold about half of its lands to the federal government.

Dissidents want a dispersal of more than \$15 million, said their lawyer, Richard Jameson. The company says shareholder demands amount to an illegal fight to wrest control of the

company's board.

Akhiok's trouble is the latest in a series of fights within Alaska Native corporations waged by shareholders frustrated over what they say are meager returns from their companies.

In recent years, shareholders have pressured the timber-rich villages of Southeast Alaska to hand out tens of thousands of dollars to each shareholder. Shareholder revolts prompted Juneau's Goldbelt Inc. to distribute nearly half of its net worth.

Akhiok's dispute will be highlighted Friday when dissidents at the annual shareholder meeting hope to seat three board members favorable to

their views.

The company meanwhile has turned to a state court, which on Wednesday is scheduled to decide if votes collected by the dissidents may be used.

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The company's other investments include Anchorage real estate, New Mexico apartments and a timber venture, a corporation financial report shows.

The company also handed out about \$30,000 to each shareholder and this year expects to issue dividends worth about \$6,000 to each shareholder, Akhiok lawyer James Wilkens said.

But Clida Leger, a shareholder critical of past dividends, said she collected votes to support the opposition board candidates because she believes "the shareholders aren't getting that much."

She said a new slate also would change some company operations.

The group doesn't want to tap the company's permanent fund but it expects to get money by selling most of the company's \$23 million in other assets.

Kodiak Daily Mirror

May 19, 1997

Shareholders demand payout

Dissidents battle village corporation

By BRUCE MELZER
Daily News reporter

A group of shareholders is pressing their Kodiak Island village Native corporation to hand out about \$100,000 per person, prompting Akhiok Kaguyak Inc. to go to court this week to stop them.

The once-impoverished village corporation landed a \$46 million windfall when it sold about half of its land to the federal government in 1995. Dissidents want \$15.4 million distributed among the shareholders, said their lawyer, Richard Jameson.

Alaska's Natives became shareholders under a 1971 federal law that settled the Native claims to virtually all of Alaska.

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The land was considered prime habitat for a number of species injured by the spill, the council said.

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But Akhiok Kaguyak and a trio of board members charge that pulling out a huge chunk of money could make it insolvent. The dissidents are waging an illegal fight to take control of the company's board and force a massive payout, said company lawyer James Wilkens. At its heart, he said, the battle comes down to one thing: Money.

Akhiok's pay-me-now battle is the latest in a long series of fights within Alaska Native corporations waged

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But Clida Leger, one of the shareholders wanting more money, said she doesn't think much of the company's investment track record. After expenses are paid, "the shareholders aren't getting that much," she said.

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Leger said that if she gets more money from the company, she'll use it to send her two children to college and will invest the rest for retirement. Other shareholders have told her they want the money to buy houses, pay bills or get off welfare, she said.

by shareholders frustrated over what they say are meager returns from their companies. In recent years, shareholders have pressured the timber-rich villages of Southeast Alaska to hand out tens of thousands of dollars per shareholder. Shareholder revolts prompted Juneau's Goldbelt Inc. to distribute nearly half of its net worth.

The war between Akhiok and its dissident shareholders is expected to come to a head next week. The company's annual shareholder meeting is Friday, where dissidents are hoping to seat three board members who support their cause. The company is hoping a state judge on Wednesday prevents the dissidents from using, in the Friday meeting, the votes they've collected.

But Akhiok Kaguyak charges that Leger and the candidates she backs are using misinformation to win votes. The candidates are making promises they can't legally deliver, the company said.

Jameson, the dissidents' lawyer, said the material they sent out to solicit proxy votes is "squeaky clean."

The corporation tried unsuccessfully this week to get a temporary restraining order to stop the dissident group and prevent them from voting their proxies during the May 23 annual meeting. A court hearing on the issue is scheduled for Wednesday before state Superior Court Judge Rene Gonzalez.

"We view this really as a last desperate attempt to void the ballot box," said Jameson. "We don't think they'll be successful, either in court or at the ballot box."

Anchorage Daily News
May 17, 1997

One day last summer I drove to the river to fish for silvers, but since none were showing I watched people instead. They were widely scattered here and there along the bank, except a small group directly across the river from me.

Five older gentlemen were standing almost shoulder to shoulder, so close I wondered how they managed to cast. Even though they were all wearing hip boots, they stood at least five feet back from the water. In the background a younger man hovered restlessly between them and a white van.

As I watched one of the men jerked sharply on his rod and began to fight a fish. Before he could land it, another also hooked up. It didn't take long to realize that both fish were dark humpies, and both were snagged.

Neither individual made any effort to walk to the water's edge to release his fish, but dragged it, flopping and bouncing, across the rocks to their feet. I was startled when each, in turn, stomped on his fish to subdue it. I was outraged when the young man joined them and helped them remove the hooks and kick the fish hard enough to land back in the river.

Over the next 20 minutes, as long as I could stand to watch, they must have maimed at least ten fish. It was almost as if they were punishing the fish for allowing themselves to be snagged.

Certainly there are regulations that should have prevented such abuse and waste of fish. I reacted like anyone else to the sorry spectacle: I went looking for a Fish & Wildlife Protection officer.

Abuse of our wild resources is becoming sadly common, but passing laws won't do any good if they don't provide more officers

Outdoor Kodiak

By Hank Pennington



to enforce them. Whether we like it or not, as the number of people goes up, so will the cost of protecting and managing our resources.

So far our people problems are small, however, when you consider some of the other Western states. One of my favorite Montana rivers is renowned worldwide for its rich insect hatches, large brown trout, and wild scenery. As recently as three years ago you could fish almost anywhere on the private land along it.

Today much of the land has been subdivided into 5- to 20-acre "ranchettes," and with the flood of new homes has come a blizzard of NO TRESPASSING signs. If you want to fish that particular river today you had better have a seat in a drift boat, and heaven help you if you need to go ashore for any reason.

The bad news in this pattern of events is this: Within our lifetimes the world population is expected to double. I suspect that we will see more than a doubling of the people using our wild places.

As the population goes up, the acreage of undeveloped (and unprotected) private land will continue declining. Where will everyone go for outdoor recreation? Public lands, of course.

I am excited by the recent acquisition of 237,000 acres of land and conservation easements on the

south end of Kodiak for the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge. The corporations that owned those lands were in the awful economic dilemma of being forced to develop the land to generate revenue and pay taxes, even as their shareholders and the rest of us valued the land undeveloped and preserved in a wild state for future generations. With the income for the sale they can fulfill their economic responsibilities to shareholders, even as the land continues as an unspoiled heritage for future generations.

Over the long term undeveloped land will certainly be worth more and more as the growing population finds fewer and fewer places open to the public. The pressure on resources like our fish and game will be incredible, and it will become harder and harder to protect their habitat. True wilderness experiences will become rare and pre-

cious as people flood the dwindling wild places.

An important part of acquiring those lands will be planning how they should be used. We may not be facing such development as in Montana, but at some point we have to ask the question: "Is there such a thing as too many people in a refuge?"

Think about the bus loads of anglers on the road system before you answer that question. In the refuge it could be flocks of float planes and subdivisions of tents.

How many guides should have exclusive rights to any area? One? Two? Thirty? Unlimited access? I'll guarantee that if you have spent lots of money to reach a wilderness, there is certainly a point at which the number of people makes you reconsider your investment.

It is my sincere hope that we can find the way to preserve and protect our undeveloped lands and resources, even as we keep them open to a wide variety of uses. Due to economic pressures, it's certain they won't stay undeveloped in private hands, and private lands won't stay open to the public for long.

Sadly enough, placing the lands on the south end of Kodiak in public hands is no guarantee that the resources will be managed in a way

that we would like. It's going to take active and well informed participation in the public hearings, advisory committees, and development of management plans. It's also going to take money.

Last year some of the money from the Exxon Valdez oil spill court settlement were used by the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustees to buy lands on northern Afognak Island to become Afognak State Park, largely due to public support from Kodiak.

On Nov. 3 the Trustees also made an offer to the corporate land owners to buy an additional 60,000 acres on Afognak outright for public use, as well as a conservation easement on another 56,000 acres. On Dec. 2 the Trustees will meet again, and it will be important that they hear once again that their decision is important.

The proposed purchase has resulted in a debate between traditional pro-development and preservation camps about the effects of logging on wildlife and habitat. Each side can make a convincing case for their viewpoint, but for me there is an even larger issue at stake.

The current landowners will be forced by economics and taxes to develop the land over the short

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term, even as we are faced over the long term with more and more people and less and less undeveloped land. What is that land going to be worth to all of us 20 years from now? How about 50 years from now?

The money from the oil spill isn't going to hang around forever, and years from now it will certainly cost

a lot more to buy the land. For outdoor recreation and the overall economy of Kodiak, the long term value of undeveloped land in public hands extends far beyond the short term income it can generate if developed.

Outdoor enthusiasts of all persuasions face difficult choices now and in the future. I urge you to take an interest in the long term views for our resources and recreation, and to become active in their man-

agement. Your views about the proposed Afognak land purchase, pro or con, are important to the Trustee Council (Exxon Valdez Settlement Trustee Council, 625 "G" Street, Anchorage, AK, 99501. Phone: 800-478-7745. Fax: 276-7178).

I know that it's a lot of work to study the issues and develop informed viewpoints. It's even worse to sit through a lot of meetings. Even so, the decisions about

acquisition and management of public lands are being made right now, and they will affect us into the distant future.

The debate about gun control was driven by people in big cities faced with gun battles in their streets. Those streets are a long ways from Kodiak, but just try to buy a short barreled, high capacity, folding stocked shotgun for reasonable use on Kodiak far from those war zones.

What kind of decisions are those distant city dwellers going to make 20 years from now when public lands are overcrowded and fish and wildlife resources are threatened? Look at access to private lands and the management of public lands and fish and wildlife resources near those cities, and you can make an informed guess.

It's time for all of us to get busy, learn as much as we can, and become active in the future of our resources.

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American Heritage. This article is adapted from a longer version in that magazine.



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Curve." Though their conclusions are just as erroneous as racist scientists of the past, history shows that a lot of political mileage can be gained from blaming social problems on "race" and skin color.

— Lawrence D. Weiss

Land protection wonderful

This is to commend recent land protection settlement actions taken by the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council. The areas now protected include pristine Alaska forests and wildlife habitat in Kachemak Bay, Afognak Island and Kodiak Island that I want my children's children to fish. Much of this land will be protected from logging interests, which directly will benefit much of the wildlife impacted by the spill.

The actions are especially amazing when you consider the parties that negotiated the settlement consisted of three Hickel-appointed and three Clinton-appointed council members and various Native corporations. Maybe there is hope for our hard-earned tax dollars.

Several tracts of land within Prince William Sound currently are being considered for protection under trustee action.

The tracts within the Sound particularly are qualified for protection considering the Sound has received minimal settlement actions and the wildlife within the Sound has been most impacted by the spill.

One of my favorite spots in all Alaska is included in the areas under consideration. The Knight Pass area in Prince William Sound is a unique and invaluable asset that deserves any protection the council could provide. The local system of lakes and streams hosts one of the largest red salmon populations in the sound. What a great opportunity to set aside a little slice of heaven and protect the sound from commercial exploitation.

Council members, good luck in your Dec. 2 meeting. Compromise is golden when the gains are to be enjoyed forever!

— Chris Zetterberg

Genes don't lie

It has been systematically proved numerous times by white-skinned scientists that humanity began within the borders of Africa. In other words, "Adam and Eve" were Africans: read "black-skinned." It has been proven that you can genetically fashion a white-skinned person from a black-skinned person, but you cannot fashion a black-skinned person from a white-skinned person. The science of genetics proves that the genes contained in an African are dominant to the genes contained in a European. The European comes from the African, so this nonsense about I.Q. and race should never be raised — if anything, whites are the ones who are inferior because they entertain such foolishness.

— Gregory Poullard

Human spirit alive in Fairview

This is to say that amidst the desperation and ugliness that can be seen in Fairview there beat a few hearts with humanity and kindness.

When my cat got lost in the heart of Fairview and ended up having her new litter under someone else's house, I found nothing but support, help and neighborly kindness from people around me.

Not only did they help me search and find her, but still they are involved in making it possible for her to raise her young and survive this hard time.

I want to thank them all, they know who they are and include the message of no matter how dismal and dark things may seem, the human spirit is alive and kicking in Fairview.

— Cornelia Dillinger

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Spill-area work not enough

Residents of Kachemak Bay are appreciative of the Trustee Council's work to purchase the inholdings of Kachemak Bay State Park. Many interest groups worked long and hard to support the park buy-back. We thank them for understanding the importance of habitat protection and restoration.

We cannot sit back and rest, though. We realize there are many habitat areas in the Exxon Valdez oil spill zones that need aid in the recovery of fish and wildlife species. Just like Kachemak Bay, there are many residents of Cordova and Kodiak who are working together with the community and private land owners to accomplish positive habitat protection. So many Alaskans are concerned about habitat issues; and it has been over five years now. We all encourage the Trustee Council to do everything in its power to expedite and assist in accomplishing habitat protection.

Many of us young Alaskans hope to look back with a sense of accomplishment — knowing that we have helped preserve and protect our future — the habitat of Prince William Sound and Kodiak areas.

— Shannon McBride
Homer

Support Kohring for House

I'm writing in support of Vic Kohring, who's the new state House candidate for District 28 (Wasilla and Peters Creek). I've known Vic for many years both personally and professionally, and will vouch that he's a person of many qualities, and one I would be proud to have representing our district.

What's critical to the district is someone who's not afraid of hard work and commitment, and who is willing to go to bat for us in Juneau. We need the capital moved, which Vic enthusiastically supports, but we also need a leader who would be committed to developing our economy and improving our roads and schools, as he has stated, and also one who maintains a conservative viewpoint on the issues. I see Vic as being such a leader.

I urge my fellow voters to support Vic Kohring for state House.

— Dick Stoffel
Wasilla

Rotary, changes positive

Kudos to Sheila Toomey for describing the new complexion of the

We'll talk again next week?



24-year-member of the club these internal changes make better able to meet Rotary service to the community, advancement of internationaling, goodwill and peace.

The men and women of toward those goals in co-Internationally through the dation — one of the we foundations — we admini assistance programs thro world. Here in Alaska, the R exchange program has seen young Alaskan "ambassadors study in countries other the College scholarships from th Rotary clubs total thousand annually. Rotarians citywid in dozens of volunteer and activities throughout our con tary is truly a positive f community and the world. covering this trend-setting tal

— Lloyd Morris, p
Anchorage

Put a stop to hate

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