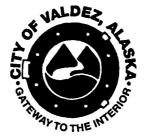
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EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL

December 6, 1996 Office of the Mayor

Mrs Molly McCammon Executive Director, EVOS Trustee Council 645 G Street, Suite 401 Anchorage, Alaska 99501-3451

**Dear Molly** 

Since the Exxon Trustee Council funds the acquisition of land to protect the habitat of injured resources and services, to prevent additional injury to resources and services while recovery is taking place, and to provide a long-term safety net for these resources. Keeping this purpose in mind, I am surprised that no agency has stepped forward to be the sponsor for the small parcel of land described as PWS 1056 (Blondeau Parcel) Furthermore, I am quite concerned that no one from the EVOS Trustee Council staff has ever bothered contacting Mr. Blondeau to discuss the merits of his property.

The Blondeau Parcel is an <u>extremely</u> important piece of Alaska wetlands This section of land is still in a pristine condition and is home to many species injured during the Exxon Valdez Oil spill. This parcel has several spring creeks that currently provide an excellent spawning habitat for Pink and Chum Salmon. Tall shoreline grasses are common to this area, providing nesting areas for many species of birds. As many as 10 to 15 eagles can be seen at once, hunting the wetlands and nesting in the nearby tree lines. The land is located on the shore of Port Valdez, from the mouth of Mineral Creek stretching along the coastline toward Shoup Bay, which I believe may be included in the State Marine Park category.

Unfortunately, residential development on this land will occur in the near future if this land is not preserved

M McCammon December 6, 1996 Page 2

I am sure if this land were evaluated, it would score as a high priority and rival the Valdez Duck Flats in value The Department of Natural Resources has laid out a trail from Mineral Creek to Shoup Bay and will begin construction of this trail in 1997 or 1998 The Blondeau Parcel can be included in this trail system and become the trail head site A City road provides access to the Blondeau próperty, which could allow this area to become part of a controlled tourism destination with the potential for a living interpretive area that would naturally display many species injured during the Exxon Valdez oil spill

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I request that your office make inquiries about why there is no sponsorship interest by any of the agencies and ask if someone would at least come to Valdez and review the potential of this property If I can be of any help in this process, please contact me at 835-4874

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Respectfully,

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Dave Cobb, Mayor City of Valdez, Alaska

December 18, 1996



EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL

Exxon/Valdez Trustees Council 645 G Street Anchorage AK 99501

Dear Sirs & Madames.

I am the Chairperson of the Valdez Area State Parks Citizen Advisory Board. This Citizen's Advisory group was recently formed by the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation Director Jim Stratton by his appointment of members of the Valdez community to this board. The advisory board was appointed to develop legislative recommendations concerning boundaries and proposed management of State Parks, including Marine Parks, the Valdez area. The advisory board is a source of public input to the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation. While we are a fledgling organization at this time (our second meeting being held on December 17, 1996) a matter came to the board's attention which we felt needed a quick response from us. In response to this issue, the board unanimously passed the following resolution:

The Valdez Area State Parks Citizen's Advisory Board wholeheartedly supports the Exxon/Valdez Trustees Council's efforts to purchase the Wayne Blondeau property at the mouth of Mineral Creek in Valdez, Alaska. The Advisory Board hopes that the State and City governments can work out a joint management plan for this property following the acquisition of the property.

As you are aware Mr. Blondeau's property has access to one of the few beaches in the Valdez area The only beach now truly accessible to the public is Rocky Beach and it is currently endangered by the City of Valdez Small Boat Harbor plans. If those current plans are enacted, there will be no readily accessible beach to the Valdez area residents and the people that come to visit Valdez. The purchase of Mr. Blondeau's property by the Exxon/Valdez Trustees Council would alleviate this problem. Hopefully, Rocky Beach will not change. Even then the addition of Mr. Blondeau's property will greatly enhance the recreational, educational and economic value of the Valdez area.

Best regards,

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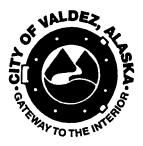
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February 19, 1997 Office of the City Clerk

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EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL

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

Dear Ms McCammon

At the regular meeting of the Valdez City Council held on February 18, 1997, the City Council approved Resolution #97-16, supporting the purchase of PWS 1056 Blondeau parcel by the Exxon Valdez Trustee Council

I have enclosed a copy of Resolution #97-16 We would appreciate the distribution of this resolution to your Council for their consideration

If we can provide additional information to stress the importance of a high ranking and evaluation of this property by the Trustee Council, please contact Mayor - Cobb or myself at 835-3408

Sincerely,

Sheri L. Caples, CMC, City Clerk City of Valdez, Alaska

# CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

# **RESOLUTION NO 97-16**

# A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, SUPPORTING THE PURCHASE OF PWS 1056 BLONDEAU PARCEL BY THE EXXON VALDEZ TRUSTEE COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Exxon Valdez Trustee Council funds the acquisition of land to protect the habitat of injured resources and services, to prevent additional injury to resources and services while recovery is taking place, and to provide a long-term safety net for these resources, and

WHEREAS, the PWS 1056 Blondeau Parcel is an extremely important piece of Alaska Wetlands and home to many species injured during the Exxon Valdez Oil spill, and

WHEREAS, the Valdez State Parks Citizen's Advisory board wholeheartedly supports the Exxon Valdez Trustees Council's efforts to purchase the Blondeau property which will serve to greatly enhance the recreational, educational and ecological value of the Valdez area, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Natural Resources has laid out a trail from Mineral Creek to Shoup Bay that could include this property and become the trail head site for this project, and

WHEREAS, the City of Valdez has committed to work cooperatively with Alaska State Parks and the Department of Natural Resources in the development of trails and encourages the funding of such important recreation enhancements, and

WHEREAS, this property has the potential for a living interpretive area that would preserve this habitat and naturally display many species injured during the Exxon Valdez Oil spill

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Valdez, Alaska, that the Valdez City Council supports the purchase of PWS 1056 Blondeau Parcel by the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council and request it be ranked high in priority for the preservation of wildlife in Valdez

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Valdez City Council, this 18th day of February, 1997

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA 💉

Dave C Cobb, Mayor

ATTEST

Sheri L Caples, CMC, City Clerk

Valdez Trails Association P.O Box 1540 Valdez, AK 99686

The Exxon Valdez Trustees 645 G Street Anchorage, AK 99501

EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL

Re Purchase of the Blondeau property in Valdez

Dear Trustees

At the January 14, 1997 meeting of the Valdez Trails Association, the membership voted unanimously to support the acquisition of the Blondeau property at the mouth of Mineral Creek by the Exxon Valdez Trustees Council

Besides providing important winter and summer habitat for waterfowl, shorebirds, river otters, sea otters, and harbor seals, the area would provide local residents and tourists with undeveloped ' beach access to Port Valdez In the past, Mr Blondeau at times has granted permission to kayakers and other local recreationists to use his property They testified at the meeting to its value as a picnic area, wildlife watching area, and kayak launching and haul-out area

We encourage you to pursue this offer

Sincerely,

Frank Cook President

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# **Eric Myers**

From	Oil Spill Public Information Center
To	Eric Myers
Subject	EVOS Trustee Council Land Purchase
Date	Friday, June 27, 1997 8 41AM

>Date Fri, 20 Jun 1997 14 08 27 -0700
>From Karen Weiland <vnkbw@UAA ALASKA EDU>
>Subject: EVOS Trustee Council Land Purchase
>X-Sender vnkbw@cwolf uaa alaska edu
>To ospic@alaska net

>To EVOS Trustee Council members,

> >I understand that the Trustee Council is considering buying a parcel of >private land at the mouth of Mineral Creek As a Valdez resident, I urge >you to make this purchase Public access to the beach is limited in Valdez
 >This would be a valuable addition to recreational lands This purchase is
 >strongly supported by the Valdez Area State Parks Advisory Board, the Valdez
 >Trail Association,, and the Valdez City Council Please give this Mineral
 >Creak land ourspace serious consideration >Creek land purchase serious consideration > >Thank you > > Karen Weiland >

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**Oil Spill Public Information Center** From \* То Eric Myers Subject Mineral Creek land purchase Friday, June 27, 1997 8 48AM Date

Date Sat, 21 Jun 1997 14 54 48 -0500 >From "Kathryn E Nielsen" <rogues@Alaska NET> >To OSPIC@alaska net

>Subject Mineral Creek land purchase

>To the EVOS Trustee Council,

 > To the EVOS Trustee Council,
 > As a resident of Valdez I am writing to request your approval of the
 > purchase of the Mineral Creek property that you are presently
 > considering It is a valuable environmental and recreational asset for
 > this area! I cannot express strongly enough how important this is for
 > Valdezans and others visiting our area both now and in the future
 > Please give it your careful consideration Thank you! Kathy Nielsen,
 > Valdez Alaska > Valdez, Alaska

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En jure 23 '9; Hello -Im a Valdey resident - it has ( been pointed out to me that there to coast line land for sale that Could be bought of EXXON settlement Money, and be designated a state part... but since the piece of land is only around 90 acres- in order for the purchase to happen, local interest must be expressed .... Well, consider my local interest express I woned love to see any available and Decome public access fuse. It is a great jamping off good for Kyacking -SZ jet Sking - buy this land and and to the tint - 1 there to do

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# <u>Wayne Blondeau Property Targeted</u> Valdez Star June 25, 1997 Group Seeks Mineral Creek Park Lands



Sign Of The Times Road Closed & Detours On Egan Egan Drive was on-again, off-again this past week as Wilder Construction intermittently closed main street for placement of storm drain catch basins. It's all part of the reconstruction of Egan and Hazelet, both of which are state highways. Project super Trevor Edmondson of Wilder Construction invites anyone to call the office at 835-3083 for updates on the project. MINERAL CREEK--A  $gro_{-r}$ of wilderness park enthusiasts is rallying local support for the acquisition of the 96-acre Wayne Blondeau property at the mouth of Mineral Creek

The group says the Blondeau property would preserve a wide cobble beach at tidewater, and offer a diverse habitat for eagles, bears and assorted animals, and would serve as a trailhead for both the Shoup Bay walking trail and a planned Kayak water trail

The group plans to petition the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council to appropriate funds for the acquisition of the property

Current value of the 96 acres--according to the property tax assessment roles at city hall--is \$175,000 T land is owned by Wayi Blondeau who homesteaded the property in the early 1960s

Local attorney Bill Bixby is among those beating the drums for acquisition of the property which is treed on the north side and barren where the threaded Mineral Creek stream reaches tidewater

Bixby is chairman of the Valdez Citizens' Advisory Board which seeks to advise the state on the management of state parks in the Valdez area

Bixby says the Mineral Creek property offers an opportunity for Valdez residents to preserve the last in-town accessible beachfront area

The future of the other beach opposite the cause way leading to The Spit is uncertain in the face of plans to create a huge tidal

# <u>Oil Spill Council Asked To Purchase Land...</u> Blondeau Parcel Seen As Possible Park

basin to flush the Small Boat Harbor That project is expected to begin late this summer or early fall

Bixby is seeking to gen erate an outpouring local support for the purchase letters to the trustee council resolutions of support from public agencies declara tions from sports fishing groups and charters operators wilderness and hiking enthusiasts and the like

We need to get grass roots support in order to give this a high priority on the list of projects funded by the Exxon Valdez Trustee Council he says

The trustee council was charged with spending \$900 reached in a settlement with the Exxon Corporation in the wake of the 1989 oil spill from the Exxon Valdez tanker

The trustee council has \$350 million remaining of the original sum All projects however, must be directly related to the restoration of the environment impacted by the spill s where the states of the stat

# Group wants help to start marine park

#### **By Tony Bickert**

#### Valdez Vanguard

The hundred acres of shoreline property for sale at the mouth of Mineral Creek would make a fine marine park, say city and state officials But the potential buyer — Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council — may

need some prodding from the public.

"If we can get a thousand post cards and letters coming from Valdez, encouraging the Trustee Council to purchase this property, I think we'd get it," said Bill Bixby, chairman of the State

Parks Citizens Advisory Board, which is pushing the write-in campaign

The board, which advises the State Parks Department on land management issues, and the City of Valdez are attempting to convince the Trustee Council to buy the land under its small parcels purchase program The property is currently for sale by Valdez land owner Wayne Blondeau

"It's a beautiful area, right along the shore line, with lots of marsh grasses and good habitat for ducks and birds and geese and fish and everything else," said Valdez mayor Dave Cobb

Bixby and Cobb said the location, the only beach-front land in Valdez other than Dock Point, is not only ideal for general use, but a strategic trail head location Cobb said the Shoup Glacier-to-Valdez Trail, currently under construction, could begin there Bixby also wants to establish the spot as a marine trail launch area for kayaks The area would also feature good pink and silver salmon fishing from the shore

However, although the Trustee Council sees merit in purchasing the property, the matter is at best on the back burner, said Eric Myers, the council's director of operations Myers said the land is not only ranked low in terms restoration and preservation needs, but the council is currently not considering additional new purchases until it eliminates the current backlog

"There is an appreciation that the Blondeau property is of considerable interest to the City of Valdez as well as the State Parks Citizens Advisory Board," Myers said "But the council is trying to work their way through what's already on the list. Right now we're cleaning the plate "

The small parcels purchase program, which involves evaluating, ranking and buying land directly or indirectly affected by the 1989 spill, to be preserved or restored, has received 320 nominations since the program began in 1994 Myers said 15 percent have or are in the

THE VALDEZ VANGUARD JUNE 25, 1997 process of being purchased

Even when the moratorium is lifted, Myers said the Blondeau property evaluation showed little adverse impact from the spill and is therefore ranked low on the list of potential purchases

However, he said environmental impact is only one criteria

"The decision has to be based on what the restoration values are, but certainly one factor that the council considers is what the public wants," Myers said "And whenever we get a card and letter here in the office we always make sure that each member of the council gets a copy"

If the council does purchase the property, the State Parks Department would develop and manage the area The Department of Natural Resources has also ' shown an interest, Myers said.

Cobb said the city supports the concept because it's a "win-win" scenario

"I don't see the city putting any money into it," Cobb said. "It will all be done by the Trustee funds and maintained by State Parks. So, we want to try to get it moved ahead in the process "

Bixby said that, aside from the write-in campaign, the advisory group also plans to have other biologists examine the area for evidence of indirect impact from the spill

"The plan is to have a multifront attack," he said. "For instance, if we find out that river otters are on that property, that will change the priority"

Although none of Exxon's oil reached Valdez, Bixby said spillaffected wildlife species may use the area If so, he said the ranking could move up on the list But the advisory group is counting more on public support

"We want to get people jazzed up about it, even if it means going door to door to get people to sign a petition," Bixby said

Other advisory board members are Harold Blehm, Tabatha Gregory, Rich Chaffin, Pat Welch, Nancy Lethcoe, Jeanne Passin, Bill Deppe and Shanna Simmons

The address of EVOS Trustees Council Executive Director Molly McCammon is 645 G Street, Suite 401, Anchorage AK, 99501-3451 LAW OFFICES OF WILLIAM BIXBY POST OFFICE BOX 1229 VALDEZ, ALASKA 99686

William Bixby Michael Franciosi

July 1, 1997

Telephone (907) 835-4775 Fax (907) 835-2793

Exxon Valdez Trustee Council 645 G Street, Suite 401 'Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Trustees:

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# EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL

Enclosed with this letter, please find a petition signed by individuals who urge you to purchase Wayne Blondeau's property located at the mouth of Mineral Creek in Valdez, Alaska. In a short time period (approximately one week) several individuals have gathered 315 signatures of people who overwhelming support for your purchase of the Blondeau property. By your next quarterly meeting we promise that you will receive several thousand signatures and/or letters urging you to purchase Mr. Blondeau's property.

Additionally, a local citizen's group has made contact with City officials and has proposed to them that the City donate some adjacent land to Mr. Blondeau's property so that your dollars gets more bang for the buck, so to speak. The City is seriously considering this.

Finally, we would ask that Mr. Blondeau's property be reevaluated by the council. I have spoken to Mr. Blondeau and he states that in his application he noted that 18 of the 19 injured species from the oil spill are on his property. I own land adjacent to Mr. Blondeau's property on the east side of Mineral Creek and am personally aware of a Dolly Varden run in the creek. Each fall there are spectacular views of eagles feeding frenzy on Mr. Blondeau's property. In addition, my daughter and I launched our kayaks from Mr. Blondeau's property and he pointed out nesting oyster catchers that were on his property. In your evaluation of Mr. Blondeau's property, these two species are not noted as being present. Thus, it would appear, apart from its great scenic value, this parcel is environmentally important to 18 of the 19 oil spill injured species. If documentation of these species are needed, I would be happy to coordinate an effort to get this done. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

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William Bixby

WE, the undersigned, urge the Trustees of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee ~ ncil to use funds from the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Settlement to purchase Wayne ndeau's property located at the mouth of Mineral Creek in Valdez, Alaska. We \_\_\_\_\_ that the purchase of this property would help in the rehabilitation of the species injured by the Exxon Valdez oil spill and would be amongst the most prime scenic and recreational property in the Valdez area.

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Donna L. Walsh P O Box 1224 1773 Homestead Street Valdez, AK 99686 (907) 835-5116

July 8, 1997

Ms Molly McCammon Executive Director Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council 645 G Street, Suite 401 Anchorage, AK 99501-3451

EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL

Dear Ms McCammon

This letter is regarding the small parcels purchase program implemented by the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustees Council (EVOSTC) As a Valdez resident, I feel very strongly that the 100-acre shoreline property at the mouth of Mineral Creek would be an ideal purchase for EVOSTC I am currently living near the Mineral Creek shoreline property and I frequently visit the area in question In my view, the Mineral Creek shoreline property is a perfect candidate for inclusion in the EVOSTC small parcels purchase program for the following reasons

- 1) The property is home to numerous birds, wild plants, fish and various small mammals in addition, this land is used by many shorebirds, of which many were affected by the oil spill
- 2) The property would be accessible to a large number of persons, not only those residing in Valdez but also to the numerous year-round visitors. With so few areas with public access to shoreline in Alaska, this would be a true asset to Valdez, the community most closely connected to the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill
- 3) The property has an incredible view of the oil tankers as they come and go from the Valdez terminal - perhaps the only accessible place in Alaska where this type of viewing can take place

Should EVOSTC decide to purchase this property, a marine park could be established which would protect the natural resources in the area as well as serve as a much needed recreation site for Alaskans and visitors. This marine park would allow visitors to view the oil tankers on their voyages to and from the Valdez terminal An educational program could be implemented to inform users of the sensitive balance of wildlife and how the natural resource extraction industry can be successfully managed to coexist with the protection of the environment.

I strongly encourage EVOSTC to consider the purchase of the property at the mouth of Mineral Creek in Valdez. I have heard that consideration is based on land affected by the oil spill, and that this land is not one that was closely impacted However, as far as public access is concerned, this land is the closest land to the affected oil spill area that is accessible by road Therefore, I feel it is the perfect parcel for participation EVOSTC's small parcel purchase program

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely

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### VALDEZ VANGUARD 9/17/97

# Bixby wants support for shoreline park

Bill Bixby, as charperson of the Alaska State Parks Advisory Board for the Valdez area, asked the council to support purchase of shoreline property, currently owned by Wayne Blondeau, by the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustees Council Bixby has been organizing a letter drive at the local schools, and other concerned individuals to convince the trustees to purchase the Iand

Of the 19 species affected by the oil spill, Bixby said the trustees reported only two living on the property, but Blondeau claims as many as 18 of the species can be found there

To "sweeten the pot," he asked the council to offer the trustees additional land, donated by the city, adjacent to the Blondeau property All the land would connect to the new Alaska State Parks trail to Gold Creek, which is accessed at the end of West Egan Drive

Harris asked the proposition be reviewed by the city's planning and zoning commission, and with that endorsement, he would call for a resolution to promote the purchase of the property by the trustees Mayor Dave Cobb said he hoped to get the resolution and letters to the trustees by their next meeting set for Dec. 15 In other council news

• Mayor Cobb proclaimed October Arts and Humanities Month Kristi Sorenson, vice president of the Valdez Arts Council, and Joe Leahy, director of the Valdez Museum, said they would work together to promote arts and humanities awareness during that month PENINSULA CLARION 9/18/97

### Science libraries join forces

ANCHORAGE (AP) — A group of Alaska science libraries plans to open as a new public library here next month to save money by consolidation

Alaska Resources Library and Information Services will house the collections from seven state and federal agencies, according to Cathy Vitale one of the librarians All told there will be 150,000 books and 700 journals, plus access to CD-ROM and computer data bases

The library will merge the collections of the Alaska Department of Fish and Arctic Game the Environmental Information and Data Center of the University of Alaska, US Fish and Wildlife Service, US Geological Survey, Minerals Management Service, Bureau of Land Management and the Oil Spill Public Information Center

### RESOLUTION 97-75

#### CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF APPROXIMATELY 50 ACRES OF ASLS 79-117, TRACT A TO THE EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL FOR LESS THAN FAIR MARKET VALUE

WHEREAS, the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council is considering the purchase of the Blondeau parcel, PWS 1056, and

WHEREAS, the City of Valdez owns property adjacent to the Blondeau property that has waterfront access and supports many of the injured species, and

WHEREAS, the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council funds the acquisition of land to protect the habitat of injured resources and services to prevent additional injury to resources and services while recovery is taking place, and to provide a long-term safety net for these resources, and

WHEREAS, the property that the City owns has the potential as a living interpretive area that would preserve this habitat' and naturally display many species injured during the Exxon Valdez oil spill, and

WHEREAS, the City of Valdez has determined that the best use of this property would be for recreation and as habitat, and

WHEREAS, the City of Valdez wishes to have this City property incorporated with the Blondeau parcel

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Valdez, Alaska that

Section 1 The City Council hereby agrees to sell an approximate 50 acre parcel as indicated in Exhibit A to the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council for \$10 00 and the following considerations and conditions

1 The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council purchases the Blondeau Parcel, PWS 1056

2 The property will be turned over to the Alaska Division of Parks to manage

3 The property will be managed as a state recreation site

4 The property will be used and managed for public recreation

5 The Division of Parks will establish a joint city/state management team to develop management plans for the property

6 Access to the 50 acres will not be through established residential streets

<u>Section 2</u> The Mayor shall be authorized to sign the deed transferring title in the property

<u>Section 3</u> A survey and plat of the property will be completed by the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council prior to ownership being transferred

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA this 3rd day of November, 1997

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

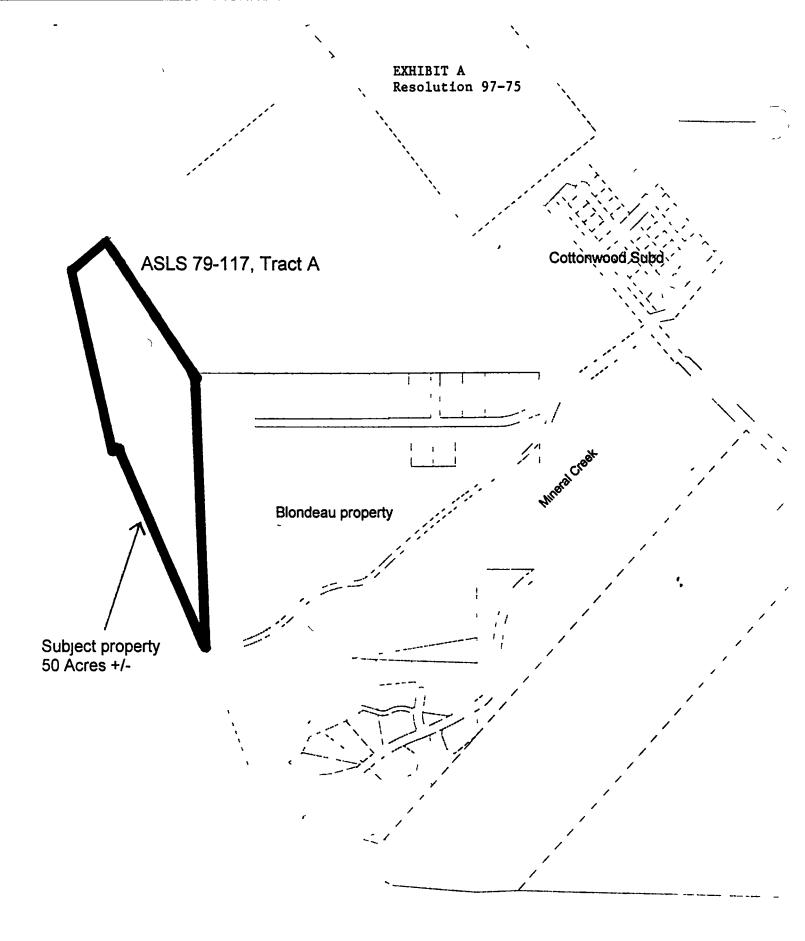
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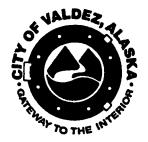


CITY OF VALDEZ RESOLUTION 97-75



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# MEMORANDUM



Mayor and City Council

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November 3, 1997

Planning and Zoning Commission SUBJECT

Donation of portion of ASLS 79-117, Tract A

The Planning and Zoning Commission has reviewed the request to donate a 50 acre portion of ASLS 79-117, Tract A to the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council The Commission recommends that the property be donated to the Trustee Council with the following conditions

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VALDEZ STAR NOVEMBER 5, 1997

# Bixpey Seeks City Donation Of Land... 50 Acres Sought For Park

CITY HALL—A proposal that would add 50 acres of city-owned land to 100 acres of Wayne Blondeau property at the mouth of Mineral Creek for purchase as a state park won the approval of the Planning & Zoning Commission Wednesday night.

Valdez attorney Bill Bixby, a member of the State Park Advisory Board said the donation of 50 acres of waterfront property by the city would "sweeten the pot."

It may be enough, he said, to convince the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council to purchase the adjoining 100 acres owned by Blondeau

The combined parcel, Bixby told the commission, ideally would be operated as a state park

He described the site as "prime recreation property, ideal as a trailhead for the new Shoup Glacier trail, and a launching point for kayakers"

City planner Dave Dengel described the 50 acres as part

of the "seismic wave run-up area" at the mouth of Mineral Creek and was not included in the city's master plan for an area of development.

Nevertheless, planning commissioner Jerry Saylors had some misgivings about the donation of city property

"It gives the impression the city is aiding the sale of for the owner, the ultimate benefactor Are we putting financial gain on one person at city expense?" he asked

Commission Chairman John Fanin, said he would go along with two conditions attached

1 That the trailhead for the Shoup Bay trail not traverse any residential areas

2 That the city's 50 acres not be "locked up" once donated

In the end, the commission voted 6 to 0 to recommend to the city council that the 50 acres be donated for park purposes

Bixby's appearance before the council is phase two of his effort to convince the Exxon Valdez Trustee Council to acquire the property

On the first go around, according to Bixby, the property was low-rated by the council

But Bixby believes that community support, in the form of petitions and letters, and the donation of 50 adjoining acres, might convince the trustee council to give the proposal a higher billing

The trustee council is charged with spending nearly \$1 billion in settlement funds the Exxon Corp in the wake of the 1989 oil spill The funds are dedicated to education and restoration projects in the spill-impacted areas

In a response to Bixby's proposal, Molly McCammon, executive director of the trustee council said, "These kinds of actions would certainly make acquiring the parcel more interesting from the council's perspective " Shanna Simmons P O Box 2825 Valdez, AK 99686

November 6, 1997

EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council c/o Molly McCammon, Executive Director 645 G Street, Suite 401 Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Ms McCammon and Trustee Council

I urge the Exxon Valdez Trustee Council to approve the purchase of land currently owned by Wayne Blondeau

As a Valdez resident for 7 years, I believe that this land should be a restoration priority in terms of both habitat protection and recreational opportunities in the Valdez area Personally, I have seen salmon, Dolly Varden, oystercatchers, Canadian geese, sea otters, and black and brown bears using this property and its surrounding waters In addition, Valdez has very little public waterfront land available for use by the general public The only public beach in Valdez is very small and frequently crowded, further, it is scheduled to be turned into an expanded small boat harbor

Valdez was impacted as greatly by the 1989 oil spill as any Alaskan community Many local residents feel that the EVOS Trustee Council has turned its back on projects in our area in favor of allocating resources to the more organized, highly active communities of Homer, Kodiak, and on the Kenai Peninsula

The small-parcel purchase request of Wayne Blondeau's land does not require a large allocation when compared to other projects and purchases funded by the EVOS Trustee Council In addition, the City of Valdez, which strongly supports this purchase, has offered to donate adjacent lands, contingent on an EVOS purchase Thus, this smallparcel acquisition would be a very effective use of restoration funds

I urge you to approve the purchase of Wayne Blondeau property, and to more favorably consider other restoration projects for Prince William Sound Thank you very much

Sincerely.

Shanna Simmons

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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**EXXON PURCHASE** 

Editor,

Many Valdezans are aware of a small-parcel purchase request to the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council for the purchase of Wayne Blondeau's property past Mineral Creek

There has been a community-wide effort to make the EVOS trustee council aware of Valdez' support of this purchase

Specific uses for the land have not yet been determined, but ideas include a public pic nic and parking area, kayak put-in, trailhead to the new Shoup Bay trail, and an interpretive state park ranger station

In a show of support, the City of Valdez has offered to donate adjacent lands, contingent on an EVOS purchase These lands are designated wetlands and so could not be used for development

The purchase request will be considered at the November 18 meeting of the EVOS Trustees in Anchorage If you support this project, please write to the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill trustee Council, 645 G Street, Suite 401, Anchorage, AK 99501

Additional information is available from several local businesses, Mayor Cobb, or any of your Alaska State Parks/DNR Community Advisory Board representatives Bill Bixby, Bill Deppe, Nancy Lethcoe, , Richard Chaffin, Shanna Simmons, Pat Welch, Jeanne Passin or Tabitha Gregory

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Shanna Simmons Valdez

### EVOS Trustees land pitch

Williams was the only council member to vote against authorizing the sale of 50 acres of city land to the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council for less the fair market value, as part of a package to entice the Trustee Council to purchase Wayne Blondeau's shoreline property west of Mineral Creek to be used as a proposed marine park

"We're using public land to try and leverage the purchase of private lands That bothers me I just don't feel it is in the best interest of the community," Williams said

Cobb said the land is "undevelopable" because it is wetland, and there's a federal ban on wetland development Council Member Lynn Chrystal said the city would still have some control of the land, because the EVOS Council would turn the land over to the Alaska State Parks, which would develop the area according to a joint citystate management plan

Cobb said the city has a hearing Dec 18 with the trustee council to discuss the land package

### VALDEZ VANGUARD NOVEMBER 19, 1997

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# Trustees take the 'carrot'

\$10 wetlands sale entices EVOS council to support Mineral Creek marine park

### By Tony Bickert

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### Valdez Vanguard

The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustees Council, which had previously showed little interest in buying the 100 acres of ocean shoreline at the mouth of Mineral Creek the site for a proposed marine park — has changed its mind, now that the City of Valdez has offered to throw in another 50 acres for \$10

Molly McCammon, executive director of the Trustees Council, said Monday that the state portion of council, which holds three of the six seats, will vote on Dec 18 to have the land appraised, and will encourage remaining council members to do the same. Land appraisal is a key step in the Trustees' small parcels purchase process

In June, when local members of the State

Parks Citizens Advisory Board begin lob bying the Trustees to buy the land — for sile by owner Wayne Blondeau — Trustees director of operations Eric Myers said there was little chance of appraisal let alone a sale because the land was not considered highpriority in terms of habitat restoration Plus, he said the Trustees are backlogged with more than 100 other parcels under consideration and had issued a moratorium on new purchases

But McCammon said the Valdez City Council's Nov 3 resolution to sell the Trustees 50 acres of adjacent wetlands for \$10 on the condition that the Trustees buy the Blondeau parcel, got her attention and moved the issue to the front burner

"Certainly what the city has done makes it a much more enticing parcel," she said "What we're interested in doing is maximizing the bang for the buck. And when you get a situation like this where the city steps up to the plate and shows its commitment to a parcel, I think the council listens to that and responds

The Blondeau property, the only beach-

front land in Valdez other than Dock Point, is an ideal site for a state run picnic area, with pink and si' -salmon fishing available from shore said Valdez Mayor { Cobb a strong supporter of the piect

Bill Bixby chairman of the state advisory board, said it's also a strategic trail head location the Shoup Glacier-to-Valdez Trail, to be completed next year, runs through the area Bixby also wants to establish the spot as a marine trail launch area for kayaks

If the council does purchase the property, the State Parks Department would develop and manage the area, Bixby said The Department of Natural Resources has also shown an interest

"I don't see the city putting any money into it," Cobb said in June "It will all be done by the Trustee funds and maintained by State Parks So, we want to try to get it moved ahead in the process "

The council had voted to sell the \$10 parcel because the wetlands, protected under state and federal preservation laws, are of no de opmental use to the city

"I guess it's kind of a carrot, Valdez Community Development Director Dave Dengel "But we're not just going to give it to them They have to buy Blondeau's property And that would mean some of that Trustee money is spent in Valdez and we get a state park presence down here as well "

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