Timothy M. Lynch LYNCH, CROSBY & SISSON A Professional Corporation 2 FILED 550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 1100 Anchorage, Alaska 99501 3 Telephone: (907) 276-3222 1144 0 3 1989 4 Robert L. Lieff UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT Elizabeth J. Cabraser 5 DISTRICT OF ALASKA Daniel C. Girard By Ree Deputy LIEFF, CABRASER & HEIMANN 6 One Market Plaza Steuart Street Tower, 12th Floor San Francisco, California Telephone: (415) 777-5800 8 Daniel Woo 9 C. Dean Little LeSOURD & PATTEN, P.S. 2400 Columbia Center 701 Fifth Avenue Seattle, Washington 98104-7005 11 Telephone: (206) 624-1040 12 Attorneys for Individual and Representative Plaintiff 13 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 14 FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA 15 In re: the EXXON VALDEZ No. A89-095 Civil 16 (Consolidated) 17 This Pleading Relates to: 18 PHILIP G. McCRUDDEN, on behalf of Himself and All Others Similarly Situated, 19 No. A89-166 Plaintiffs, 20 VS. CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT 21 FOR DAMAGES AND EQUITABLE EXXON CORPORATION, a New Jersey Corporation; EXXON CO. USA, a RELIEF 22 Delaware Corporation; EXXON SHIPPING COMPANY, a Delaware 23 Corporation; ALYESKA PIPELINE DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL SERVICE CO., an Alaska Corporation; TRANS-ALASKA 24 PIPELINE LIABILITY FUND, a 25 corporation; JOSEPH J. HAZELWOOD an individual, and GREGORY, 26 COUSINS, an individual, 27 Defendants. 28 -1-Class Action Complaint for Damages and Equitable Relief

Individual and Representative plaintiff PHILIP G.

McCRUDDEN, on behalf of himself and all other similarly situated salmon fishers and their crews, alleges:

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 1. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over all claims asserted in this civil class action under 28 U.S.C. Section 1331 (federal question); 28 U.S.C. Section 1333(1) (admiralty and maritime jurisdiction); 28 Ū.S.C. Section 1332 (diversity jurisdiction); and the principles of ancillary and pendent jurisdiction. All claims asserted herein arise out of the March 24, 1989 grounding of the Exxon Valdez and the resulting oil spill. Plaintiff's claims arise under various federal statutes, Alaska statutes, and the common law. The named plaintiff and defendants are of diverse citizenship, and the matter in controversy with respect to the claims of plaintiff, and of each class member, exceeds the sum of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00), exclusive of interest and costs.
- 2. Venue is proper in this district since the grounding of the Exxon tanker "Exxon Valdez" and the resulting oil spill which is the subject matter of this class action occurred within the District of Alaska and because the District of Alaska is the designated forum for the In Re The EXXON VALDEZ complex litigation in which this class action is consolidated pursuant to Pre-Trial Order No. 1, filed on April 25, 1989 therein.

 Venue is proper in this district by virtue of 28 U.S.C.

 Section 1391, because the March 24, 1989 Exxon Valdez grounding occurred in this district, the claims asserted herein arose in this district, and defendants were and are doing business in this district.

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3. Individual and representative plaintiff PHILIP G. McCRUDDEN is a current resident of Seattle, Washington, and a citizen of the State of Washington, who formerly resided in the State of Alaska for many years, and who is actively engaged in the business and livelihood of salmon fishing in the waters affected by the oil spill resulting from the grounding of the Exxon Valdez. He brings this action as a class action on behalf of himself, and of all other salmon fishers and their crews who were and are similarly affected, to obtain compensatory and punitive damages for himself and this class, according to proof, and all other necessary and appropriate injunctive and equitable relief.

- Defendant TRANS-ALASKA PIPELINE LIABILITY FUND ("Fund"), is a non-profit corporate entity established pursuant to the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Authorization Act ("Act"), 43 U.S.C. Section 1653 (c)(4). The Fund, which is administered by the holders of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline right-of-way under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior, is a resident of the State of Alaska with its principal place of business in Alaska.
- Defendant ALYESKA PIPELINE SERVICE COMPANY ("ALYESKA"), an Alaska corporation, is an association of the holders of the Pipeline right-of-way for the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System that includes: Amerada Hess Corporation, Arco Pipeline Company, British Petroleum Pipelines, Inc., Exxon Pipeline Company, Mobil Alaska Pipeline Company, Phillips Petroleum Company, Sohio Petroleum Company, Trans-Alaska Pipeline Liability Fund, Exxon Corporation, Exxon USA, and Exxon

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Shipping Company. ALYESKA owns and operates the Trans-Alaska
Pipeline System, including the terminal at Valdez, Alaska, and
loaded the Exxon Valdez with North Slope crude oil at the Valdez
terminal and is responsible for operations and monitoring the
transportation of oil in the Prince William Sound area.

- 6. Defendant EXXON CORPORATION is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of New Jersey, with its principal place of business at 1251 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10020. EXXON CORPORATION is engaged in the business of operating petroleum companies through its subsidiaries and divisions in the State of Alaska, and is an owner and operator of the vessel known as the Exxon Valdez.
- 7. Defendant EXXON SHIPPING COMPANY, a Delaware Corporation and maritime subsidiary of defendant EXXON CORPORATION with its principal place of business at 811 Dallas Avenue, Houston, Texas 77002, operates in the State of Alaska, and is an owner and operator of the vessel known as the Exxon Valdez.
- 8. Defendant EXXON CO., USA, a Delaware corporation, is a division of defendant EXXON CORPORATION with its principal place of business at 800 Bell Avenue, Houston, Texas 77002. EXXON CO., USA, is engaged in the business of producing crude oil and refining in the State of Alaska, transporting and marketing petroleum products in the United States, and is an owner and operator of the vessel known as the Exxon Valdez.
- 9. Defendants JOSEPH J. HAZELWOOD and GREGORY COUSINS are individuals who were employed by defendants EXXON CORPORATION, EXXON CO., USA, and/or EXXON SHIPPING COMPANY (collectively, the "EXXON defendants"), to operate the vessel Exxon Valdez, and who

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were charged with operating and/or were operating said vessel when the March 24, 1989 grounding of the Exxon Valdez occurred.

CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

- 10. This action is brought as a class action under the provisions of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Individual and representative plaintiff PHILIP G. McCRUDDEN brings this action on his own behalf, and on behalf of a proposed plaintiff class defined as and consisting of all salmon fishers and their crews whose fishing activities, property rights, income, earning capacities, and/or livelihood were damaged and may continue to be damaged due to the March 24, 1989 grounding of the Exxon Valdez and the resulting oil spill.
- 11. This action has been brought and may properly be maintained as a class action pursuant to the applicable provisions of Rule 23 because:
- a. The proposed plaintiff class, as described and defined in this Complaint, consists of approximately two thousand (2,000) members, and is so numerous that it is impracticable to bring all members of the class before the court. Its members may readily be identified and notice given by use of public records. The salmon fishers hold gill net permits, seine permits, and/or set net permits for salmon fishing. In the Prince William Sound area ("Area E"), there are approximately 530 gill net permits and 100 crew members, 250 seine permits and 750 crew members, and 31 set net permits and 31 crew members, for a total of approximately 811 permits and 881 crew members. Additional permit holders and crews fish the adjacent areas that have been polluted or are threatened with pollution by the spill

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resulting in a total class population of approximately 2,000 members of the salmon fishing permitholder (fisher) and crew class, in fulfillment of the numerosity and impracticality of joinder requirements of F.R.Civ.P. 23(a)(1);

- b. The questions and issues of law and fact raised herein are common to the class which predominate over those questions affecting only the individual members in satisfaction of the commonality and predominance requirements of F.R.Civ.P. 23(a)(2) and 23(b)(3);
- c. The common issues of law and fact which unite the class and compel class treatment include, but are not limited to, questions concerning:
 - (1) Whether the federal statutes, Alaska statutes, and the common law were violated by the acts and omissions of defendants as alleged in this Complaint;
 - (2) Whether defendants acted willfully, recklessly, with gross negligence, or negligently in causing and/or failing to timely and effectively clean up the oil spill resulting from the grounding of the Exxon Valdez:
 - (3) Whether defendants have strict liability, regardless of fault, for the damages and injuries resulting from the oil spill;
 - (4) Whether defendants breached duties of care owed to plaintiff and the members of the class;
 - (5) Whether defendants misrepresented and/or omitted important facts regarding their capacity to

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- (6) Whether, as a result of the determination of the foregoing liability questions, plaintiffs are entitled to damages for economic injury, property damages, bodily injury, emotional distress, punitive damages, and/or injunctive and equitable relief; and
- (7) If so, what is the appropriate measure of and means of calculating such monetary damages and affording such non-monetary relief.
- d. There is a community of interest in obtaining appropriate injunctive or other equitable relief to stop the spread of the oil slick to further areas of the Prince William Sound, to prevent the recurrence of a similar disaster, and to obtain adequate compensation for the damages, lost wages, injuries, emotional distress, pain and suffering, property damage, and damage to livelihood and ecology, which defendants' actions have inflicted upon the class.
- e. As an active salmon fisher and permit holder, the individual and representative plaintiff is a member of the class described and defined in this Complaint, and his claims are typical of the claims of the class.
- f. The individual and representative plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the class, has no interests which conflict with the class, and has retained attorneys experienced in the prosecution of complex tort and class action litigation to represent the plaintiff class herein.

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Without class certification, the prosecution of q. separate actions by individual members of the plaintiff class would create a risk of

- Inconsistent or varying adjudications with respect to individual members of the class which would establish incompatible standards of conduct for defendants; or
- (2) Adjudications with respect to the individual members which would, as a practical matter, be dispositive of the interests of the other members not parties to the adjudication, or would substantially impair or impede their ability to protect their interests.
- h. Defendants have acted or refused to act on grounds generally applicable to the class, thereby making appropriate final injunctive relief or corresponding declaratory relief with respect to the class as a whole; and
- A plaintiff class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the claims presented by this complaint, and will prevent the undue financial, administrative, and procedural burdens on the parties and on the court which individual litigation would impose.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL CLAIMS

On the evening of March 23, 1989, the Exxon Valdez, 12. owned and operated by the above-named EXXON defendants as a 987 foot tanker, weighing 211,000 deadweight tons with an oil cargo and bunker fuel, left the Port of Valdez, Alaska in Prince William Sound, the southern terminal facility of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System, bound for Long Beach, California.

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- The Exxon Valdez passed through the harbor and Valdez 14. Narrows under the command of a harbor pilot. Defendant Captain JOSEPH J. HAZELWOOD, the officer in charge of the ship, who at all times relevant hereto was acting within the scope of his employment and as an agent and/or representative of defendants EXXON, was on the bridge of the ship when the harbor pilot disembarked at the southern end of the Narrows at approximately 12:30 a.m. Friday morning, March 24, 1989. Captain HAZELWOOD was under the influence of alcohol while he was in command of the vessel.
- 15. After passage through the harbor, Captain HAZELWOOD retired to his cabin, one flight below the bridge, leaving only defendant GREGORY COUSINS, the third mate, and Robert Kafan, the helmsman, on the bridge. At all times relevant hereto, defendant GREGORY COUSINS, and Kafan, were acting within the scope of their employment and as agents and/or representatives of defendants EXXON.
- Defendant GREGORY COUSINS, who was not certified for commanding the tanker through these waters, steered the vessel through the deep-water southbound shipping lane of the channel due to earlier reports that it contained icebergs from a glacier that had broken to the northwest.
- The vessel steered east into the empty northbound 17. lane, and then proceeded on a southwesterly course bound for Long Beach, California. The vessel, however, proceeded three

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- 18. The vessel was approximately one quarter mile outside the regular channel for vessels when she first struck the well-marked and well-known Bligh Reef, which ripped along the vessel's starboard side, tearing three holes into the starboard tanks and ripping out a portion of the hull.
- Plaintiff is informed and believes that defendant 19. HAZELWOOD remained in his cabin, although the noise and impact would or should have immediately commended him to the bridge to prevent, and further damage to the vessel or its contents.
- 20. Although the ship was still navigable after the first impact, she was so far east of deep water that when defendant COUSINS tried to turn the Exxon Valdez back toward the west he struck a second part of the shallow reef. The second impact brought the ship aground, stopping the ship's progress completely further damaging the vessel and its cargo.
- 21. The scraping impact and grounding of the Exxon Valdez upon Bligh Reef cut open at least eight of the ship's twelve oil tanks which held 53 million gallons of crude oil, causing the largest oil spill in United States history. To date, over 11 million gallons of crude oil have been discharged into Prince William Sound, contaminating at least one hundred square miles of the Sound's fishery, on which the class members depend for their livelihood.
- On late Sunday, March 26, 1989, due to the slow pace 22. of any attempted clean-up efforts by ALYESKA and the EXXON defendants, and concerned about even further possible damage to

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- 23. Defendants TRANS-ALASKA PIPELINE FUND, ALYESKA PIPELINE COMPANY, and the EXXON defendants owed a duty to have developed a proper and adequate emergency containment plan for this area, but failed to develop or put any such plan into effect within a reasonable or practical time period to contain the spilled oil. On information and belief, in or about 1981, these defendants disbanded a 20-member emergency team which formerly stood ready, on a round-the-clock basis, to respond to oil spills in Valdez harbor and the Prince William Sound. The team was disbanded because these defendants deemed it "unnecessary" and "a waste."
- 24. By late Monday, March 27, 1989, winds pushed the slick toward environmentally sensitive fisheries and over a large area of Prince William Sound.
- 25. The oil slick has already spread to Smith, Little Smith, Naked, Seal Islands, and Seward, and as it moves into and out of the southern end of Prince William Sound, has spread down the Kenai peninsula to near Homer. The full extent of contamination and damages by the spreading oil cannot yet be quantified, but is estimated to have devastating effects to all salmon fisheries utilized by the plaintiff and the class.
- 26. Damages to plaintiff and the proposed salmon fishers' and crews' class caused by this discharge of millions of gallons of Northern Slope crude oil include, but are not limited to, damage to the ecosystem of marine life, including all species of salmon, relied upon by plaintiff and the class for economic purposes.

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27. Plaintiff is informed and believes that the damage caused by the spill will permanently effect the trade, business, earning capacities and livelihood of the fisher participants (salmon permit holders and their crews) in the salmon fishing industry of Alaska as well as marine life in the Prince William Sound area. The environment of this area, the vocation of salmon fishing, and a way of life which thrived in a symbiotic relationship between the two, have been irreparably altered and damaged by the spill.

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF:

STRICT LIABILITY OF ALYESKA (Trans-Alaska Pipeline Authorization Act)

- 28. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates herein by reference each and every allegation set forth above, and further alleges against defendant ALYESKA:
- 29. ALYESKA is now, and was at all times relevant hereto, the holder of the Pipeline right-of-way granted pursuant to the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Act.
- 30. The damages to plaintiff and the class arose in connection with and resulted from activities along or in the vicinity of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline right-of-way.
- 31. Upon information and belief, the damages to plaintiff and the class were neither caused by an act of war nor by the negligence of the United States, other government entity, or by plaintiff or the class.
- 32. The oil discharged in connection with and resulting from activities along or in the vicinity of the Pipeline right-of-way have damaged, injured and destroyed affected lands, structures, fish, wildlife, biotic and other natural resources relied upon by the plaintiff and the class for subsistence and

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economic purposes, and has caused loss of profits and impairment of earning capacity on the part of plaintiff and the class, whose members depended on these natural resources for their livelihood.

33. Defendant ALYESKA is strictly liable to plaintiff and the class for all damages sustained as the result of the discharges of oil from the Exxon Valdez pursuant to the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Authorization Act, 43 U.S.C. Sections 1651, et seq.; 43 U.S.C. Section 1653(a), (b), and (c).

SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

STRICT LIABILITY OF THE EXXON DEFENDANTS (Trans-Alaska Pipeline Authorization Act)

- 34. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates herein by reference each and every allegation set forth above, and further alleges against the EXXON defendants:
- 35. The EXXON defendants are now, and were at all times relevant hereto, the owners and operators of the Exxon Valdez and the employers of defendant JOSEPH J. HAZELWOOD, defendant GREGORY COUSINS, and the crew of the vessel.
- 36. The damages to plaintiff and the plaintiff class arose as the result of discharges of oil from the Exxon Valdez that had been transported through the Trans-Alaska Pipeline and loaded on the Exxon Valdez at the terminal facilities of the pipeline.
- 37. Upon information and belief, the damages to plaintiff and the class were neither caused by an act of war nor by the negligence of the United States, other government entity, or by plaintiff or the class.
- 38. The oil discharged from the Exxon Valdez has damaged the salmon fisheries of Prince William Sound and other natural

resources relied upon by the plaintiff and the class for economic purposes, as set forth in paragraph 32 of this Complaint.

39. Defendants EXXON and the Fund are strictly liable to plaintiff and the class for all damages sustained as the result of the discharges of oil from the Exxon Valdez pursuant to 43 U.S.C. Section 1653(a), (b), and (c).

THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF:

NEGLIGENCE OF THE ALYESKA AND THE EXXON DEFENDANTS

- 40. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates herein by reference each and every allegation set forth above, and further alleges against ALYESKA and the EXXON defendants:
- 41. Defendants ALYESKA and EXXON had continuously reassured environmentalists and others, including plaintiff and the class, at all times prior to the accident, that there existed an emergency clean-up plan by which any major oil spill could be successfully contained within five hours of occurrence; yet a day after the spill little had been done to contain it other than an unsuccessful attempt to spray chemical dispersants.
- 42. Upon information and belief, ALYESKA, EXXON, and the State of Alaska's contingency clean-up plan required ALYESKA and EXXON to be on site within five hours of the spill. Eighteen hours after the grounding of the Exxon Valdez, however, essentially nothing was in place; instead, it took nearly an entire day for ALYESKA and EXXON representatives to start placing barrier booms -- long bars with heavy plastic skirts -- around the slick. By that time, the discharged oil had already become too large to contain.

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- The delays were in part due to repairs being performed 43. on the barge required to put the booms around the Exxon Valdez.
- Lack of proper equipment and supplies also hindered 44. effective clean-up operations.
- Moreover, neither ALYESKA nor EXXON had enough **45.** equipment or an adequate containment plan to handle a spill of this size.
- The tactics finally chosen by defendants, chemical 46. dispersants which could cause further harm to the water, have proven ineffective. The chemical dispersants could not be used initially because the water was too cold and calm, making the slick too thick for the dispersants to work.
- Upon information and belief, the oil has now been in 47. the water too long for these dispersants to work since they are most effective only if employed within twenty-four hours after a spill.
- 48. Defendants' other contingency clean-up plan was to burn the surface oil with a substance similar to Napalm, basically changing the water pollution into air pollution; however, defendants' delay ultimately allowed changed weather conditions to make it impossible to deploy the necessary small boats used to try to corral the oil into a concentrated area for this purpose.
- 49. Pursuant to federal and Alaska law, the proper control and total removal of the discharged oil which polluted, damaged and threatens to further pollute and damage aquatic life, wildlife, public and private property was the responsibility of the defendants. In regard thereto, defendants had a duty to plaintiff and the class to have adequate resources available to

- 50. Defendants knew, or should have known, in the exercise of due care, that they lacked adequate equipment and supplies to effectively contain and clean-up a spill of this magnitude, that their contingency clean-up plan, including the tactics they developed thereunder, were extremely limited in their efficiency and use.
- 51. The negligence of ALYESKA and the EXXON defendants in the control and clean-up operations specifically included, but was not limited to, (i) failure to establish and provide for an adequate contingency plan to contain and clean-up any discharge of oil; (ii) inadequate planning of the ensuing clean-up effort; (iii) inadequate carrying-out of the ensuing clean-up effort; (iv) unreasonable delay in the ensuing clean-up effort, (v) the choice of inadequate tactics in the ensuing clean-up effort; (vi) inadequate deployment of equipment, supplies and personnel in the ensuing clean-up effort; and (vii) failure to monitor, inspect and approve of an adequate and effective clean up and containment plan.
- 52. As a direct and proximate result of the foregoing negligence, plaintiff and the class have suffered injuries and damages as set forth in this Complaint.
- 53. In addition, defendants ALYESKA and the EXXON defendants acted recklessly, with gross negligence, wantonly, and in willful disregard of the rights, safety, and economic well-being of plaintiff and the class in the control and clean-up operations of the Exxon Valdez' oil spill, for which plaintiff and the class are entitled to punitive and exemplary

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damages against these defendants, in an amount, according to proof, which is sufficient to punish these defendants and to deter them and others from similar callous disregard of the safety and well-being of the environments and residents of the areas in which they conduct the potentially destructive business of oil transport.

FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF:

NEGLIGENCE OF THE EXXON DEFENDANTS AND THEIR EMPLOYEES

- 54. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates herein by reference each and every allegation set forth above, and further alleges against the EXXON defendants and defendants JOSEPH J. HAZELWOOD and GREGORY COUSINS:
- 55. The captain of the Exxon Valdez, JOSEPH J. HAZELWOOD ("Hazelwood") who upon information and belief, had previously been convicted of charges involving drinking and driving twice in the past five years and had his driver's license suspended or revoked three times in that same period, was under the influence of alcohol while in command of the Exxon Valdez, and showed impermissible alcohol levels in tests taken shortly after the grounding incident.
- 56. Defendant HAZELWOOD had placed the navigation and direction of the vessel into the charge of the third mate, GREGORY COUSINS, when it ran aground, although defendant COUSINS lacked proper certification and guidance to pilot vessels such as the Exxon Valdez through the waters of the Prince William Sound.
- 57. Captain HAZELWOOD and third mate COUSINS knew or should have known that it was not only unreasonably dangerous for HAZELWOOD to leave the bridge and relinquish control of the

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- 58. Captain HAZELWOOD and third mate COUSINS knew or should have known that COUSINS did not possess the requisite degree of competence to command the Exxon Valdez with reasonable prudence, skill or care.
- 59. The EXXON defendants knew or should have known, based on HAZELWOOD's previous convictions for drinking and driving, as well as the revocation or suspension of his driver's license three times in the same five year period, and testimony in depositions taken in another legal action against Exxon in or about late 1988, that HAZELWOOD did not possess the requisite degree of competence to command the Exxon Valdez with reasonable prudence, skill or care, nor the ability to delegate his duties to an uncertified third mate.
- on the nature of the service in which the Exxon Valdez was involved, that its single hull construction was not sufficient to allow it to safely engage in the crude oil transport trade for which it was intended.
- their employees), in the operation of the Exxon Valdez specifically included, but was not limited to (i) failing to adequately crew the tanker; (ii) failing to adequately pilot and navigate Prince William Sound; (iii) commanding the vessel while under the influence of alcohol per Coast Guard and State of Alaska standards, (iv) failing to monitor the sobriety of their crews in operating the vessel, (v) failing to operate the vessel away from known navigational dangers, (vi) operating the vessel

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in a dangerous manner, and (vii) failing to utilize a seaworthy vessel. As a direct and proximate result of the foregoing negligence, the EXXON defendants, in their own right as well as by and through their agents, servants and employees, including defendants HAZELWOOD and COUSINS, caused plaintiff and the lass to suffer damages as described above and in paragraph 87 of this Complaint.

62. The EXXON defendants acted recklessly, grossly negligent, wantonly and in willful disregard of the rights, safety, and economic well-being of plaintiff and the class in the ownership and operation of the Exxon Valdez for which plaintiff and the class are entitled to punitive and exemplary damages against these defendants as set forth in paragraph 53 of this Complaint.

FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF:

MARITIME LIABILITY

- 63. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates herein by reference each and every allegation set forth above, and further alleges against the EXXON defendants:
- 64. By virtue of the above, EXXON defendants violated the general maritime and admiralty laws of the United States and the State of Alaska, which violations were a direct and proximate cause of the damages and injuries suffered by plaintiff and the class, in that the vessel Exxon Valdez was not seaworthy and was operated in a negligent and/or reckless manner.

SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF:

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65. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates herein by

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- 66. Oil, including the approximately 11 million gallons of crude oil which has been released into the Prince William Sound as a result of the grounding and consequent rupture of the Exxon Valdez's oil tanks, is a hazardous substance, as that term is defined in Section 46.03.826(4)(B) of the Alaska Environmental Conservation Act.
- 67. The presence of oil in the Prince William Sound and its subsequent spreading to Smith, Little Smith, Naked, Seal Islands, and Seward, presents an imminent and substantial danger to the public health or welfare, including but not limited to fish, animals, vegetations, and/or any part of the natural habitat in which they are found.
- 68. The defendants own and/or have control, pursuant to Section 46.03.826(3) of the Alaska Environmental Conservation Act, over the oil which was loaded on the Exxon Valdez at the Port of Valdez, Alaska and released into the Prince William Sound.
- 69. Upon information and belief, the entry of the oil in or upon the water, surface or subsurface land of the State of Alaska was not caused solely as a result of: an act of war, an intentional act or a negligent act of a third party, other than a party or its employees in privity with, or employed by, defendants, negligence on the part of the United States government, or an act of God.
- 70. Upon information and belief, upon discovery of the entry of the oil in our upon the water, surface or subsurface land of the State of Alaska, defendants delayed and/or failed to

71. The entry of the oil which is owned and/or within the control of the defendants in or upon the waters, surface and/or subsurface lands of the State of Alaska, has caused damages to plaintiff and the plaintiff class as set forth in this complaint for which the defendants are strictly liable pursuant to Section 46.03.822 of the Alaska Environmental Conservation Act.

EIGHTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

INJUNCTIVE RELIEF PURSUANT TO ALASKA STATUTES 09.45.230

- 72. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates herein by reference each and every allegation set forth above, and further alleges against all defendants:
- 73. The acts and omissions of the defendants created a private nuisance through substantial interference with the use and enjoyment of plaintiff's and the class members' interests in property.
- 74. This substantial interference with the use and enjoyment of plaintiff's and the class members' interests in property includes, but is not limited to, <u>inter alia</u>, injury to and loss of real and personal property, loss of income, loss of means of producing income, and loss of economic benefits.
- 75. The substantial interference with plaintiff's and the class members' interests was caused by the actions and omissions of the defendants, for which they are liable to plaintiff and the class for the damages sustained.
- 76. The defendants threaten to continue the acts and omissions complained of herein, and unless temporarily, preliminary or permanently restrained and enjoined, will

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continue to do so. Plaintiff's and the class members' remedies at law for damages is not adequate to compensate them for the injuries threatened to continue; therefore, plaintiff and the class should be granted all appropriate and necessary injunctive and equitable relief against the defendants to require them, by all available means, to protect those areas of Prince William Sound not currently affected, and to rehabilitate those areas already damaged.

NINTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

NUISANCE

- 77. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates herein by reference each and every allegation set forth above, and further alleges against all defendants:
- 78. The acts and omissions of the defendants created a public nuisance through unreasonable interference with the rights of plaintiff and the class to water that is free from pollution and contamination by oil.
- The unreasonable interference with the rights of plaintiff and the class common to the public resulted in special and distinct harm to plaintiff and the class including, but not limited to, loss of business, property, and livelihood as a result of the pollution.
- 80. The substantial interference with these interests were caused by the acts and omissions of the defendants for which they are liable to plaintiff and the class for damages sustained.
- The defendants threaten to continue the acts and 81. omissions complained of herein, and unless temporarily, preliminarily, or permanently restrained and enjoined, will

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continue to do so, all to the irreparable injury of plaintiff and the class, where remedies at law for damages is not adequate to compensate them for the injuries threatened to continue.

TENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

STRICT LIABILITY FOR ULTRAHAZARDOUS ACTIVITY

- 82. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates herein by reference each and every allegation set forth above, and further alleges against all defendants:
- At all times relevant to this Complaint, the transport of oil through the Prince William Sound area was abnormally dangerous within the meaning of Restatement (Second) of Torts Section 520, and applicable state law, in that a) this transport involved a high degree risk of serious harm to the environment, and to the persons, land, and chattel of others, including plaintiff and the class; b) that this high risk could not and cannot be eliminated even with the exercise of reasonable care; c) that defendants' method of oil transport is inappropriate to the Valdez Harbor-Prince William Sound area; d) that this method is not a matter of common usage; e) that there was and is a likelihood that the harm resulting from defendants' method of transport would and will be great; and f) that the value of defendants' transport to the community of which plaintiff and the class are members was and is outweighed by its dangerous attributes and disastrous results.
- 84. As a direct and proximate result of defendants' undertaking of the above-described ultrahazardous activity, plaintiff and the class have been injured in their physical, mental, and emotional health, have suffered great financial and economic loss, and irreparable pollution and contamination to

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the ecosystem and natural resources upon which they depend for their business, livelihood, and earning capacities, and are entitled to damages from defendants for same regardless of defendants' fault.

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CLEAN WATER ACT OF 1977

[33 U.S.C. Sections 1251, et seq.]

- 85. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates herein by reference each and every allegation set forth above, and further alleges against all defendants:
- 86. The above-described acts and omissions of defendants, and each of them, constitute violations of the provisions of the Clean Water Act of 1977, 33 U.S.C. Sections 1251, et seq.

 Plaintiff and the class are entititled to sue for relief thereunder pursuant to 33 U.S.C. Section 1365. As a direct and proximate result of the acts and omissions of defendants as described in this Complaint, plaintiff and the class, as commercial salmon fishers and their crews, have suffered damages to their particular economic interests, including the loss of profits and impairment of earning capacity, deriving from their rights to take and harvest salmon from the waters affected by the Exxon Valdez oil spill, and the oil spill's pollution of these waters.

DAMAGES

87. As a direct and proximate result of the defendants' acts and omissions, plaintiff and the class incurred the following damages:

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1. Damage to all salmon fisheries in the Prince William Sound areas including permanent and/or long term damage to the habitat and ecology surrounding the Prince William Sound fishery;

- Economic losses, including losses to business,property, income, and earning capacities, in the present and future;
- 3. Emotional pain and suffering, distress, and anxiety at the loss and prospective losses of economic livelihood, professions and a way of life;
 - 4. Loss of the value of property and property rights;
 - Outrage;
- 6. Costs for clean-up and protection of property, property rights and equipment; and
 - 7. Other damages to be proven at trial.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff, on behalf of himself and the proposed plaintiff class of salmon fishers and their crews, prays for judgment against the defendants, jointly and severally, as follows:

- An order certifying the proposed class under the appropriate provisions of F.R.Civ.P. 23(a), 23(b)(1), 23(b)(2), and/or 23(b)(3), to permit them to proceed as a class against the defendants;
- 2. Compensatory damages in an amount to be proven at trial or under expedited alternative procedures adopted by the court;
- 3. Punitive and exemplary damages according to proof, in an amount sufficient to punish defendants, and to deter them and others from engaging in similar wrongdoing;

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- 4. An order enjoining defendants to contain and clean-up the oil spilled from the Exxon Valdez, and to prevent its spread to other areas of and near the Prince William Sound;
- 5. Award to plaintiffs of their costs, interest, and attorney fees; and
- 6. Any and all other and further relief as this court deems just and equitable.

Dated: May 1, 1989.

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DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff hereby demands a jury trial for himself and the class on all claims so triable.

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