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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF ALASKA RiDanut .

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA

ED CLARKE, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

EXXON CORPORATION; EXXON CO., USA; EXXON SHIPPING COMPANY; ALYESKA PIPELINE SERVICE COMPANY; AMERADA HESS PIPELINE CORPORATION; ARCO PIPE LINE COMPANY; BP PIPELINES (ALASKA), INC. EXXON PIPELINE COMPANY; MOBIL ALASKA PIPELINE COMPANY; PHILLIPS ALASKA PIPELINE CORPORATION; UNOCAL PIPELINE COMPANY; TRANS-ALASKA PIPELINE LIABILITY FUND; and JOSEPH J. HAZELWOOD,

Defendants.

CLASS ACTION

A80-144 CIV

COMPLAINT

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

JAMIN, EBELL BOLGER & GENTRY 323 CAROLYN STREET KODIAK, AK 99615 (907) 486-6024

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

Plaintiff, by his attorneys, brings this action on his own behalf and on behalf of the Class he represents to obtain damages, injunctive relief and costs of suit from the defendants named herein, and complains and alleges as follows:

JURY TRIAL DEMAND

1. Pursuant to Rule 38 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure ("Fed. R. Civ. P."), plaintiff demands that all issues so triable be tried by a jury in this case.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

2. This is a civil action for injunctive relief and monetary damages for losses sustained by each member of the putative Class arising out of, and directly resulting from, oil and toxic effluents unlawfully and negligently discharged into navigable waters from the Exxon Valdez, O/N 692966, a vessel engaged in the transportation of oil between the terminal facilities of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System at Valdez, Alaska and Long Beach, California, a port under the jurisdiction of the United States. The defendant vessel is now or during the pendency of process hereunder will be within this district and within the jurisdiction of this Court.

3. This complaint is filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Sections 1331 and 1333(1), which provide for original jurisdiction

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AMIN, EBELL LGER & GENTRY J23 CAROLYN STREET KODIAK, AK 99615 (907) 486-6024 in the district courts of all civil actions arising under the laws of the United States and admiralty and maritime jurisdiction. This Court also has subject matter jurisdiction over this action in accordance with pendent jurisdiction.

4. The grounds for relief are:

(a) the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Authorization Act, 43U.S.C. Section 1651, <u>et seq</u>.;

(b) Admiralty and Maritime Jurisdiction and The Admiralty Extension Act of 1948, 46 U.S.C. Section 740 (1964);

(C) Negligence;

(d) Statutes adopted in Alaska providing for damages due to injury to property and natural resources;

(e) Common law nuisance; and,

(f) Negligence per se.

5. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Sections 1391(b) and (c), as well as the applicable principles of admiralty and maritime law. Defendants reside in this district for venue purposes.

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THE PARTIES

6. Plaintiff Ed Clark is a resident of Reedsport, Oregon, and is engaged in the Alaska fishing industry and has been damaged by the acts and conduct of the defendants as alleged herein.

7. Defendant, The 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.

8. Defendant, Alyeska Pipeline Service Company, is an association of the holders of the Pipeline right-of-way for the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System that includes: Amerada Hess Pipeline Corporation, Arco Pipe Line Company, BP Pipelines (Alaska), Inc., Exxon Pipeline Company, Mobil Alaska Pipeline Company, Phillips Alaska Pipeline Corporation, and Unocal Pipeline Company.

9. 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

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IN. EBELL .R & GENTRY AROLYN STREET KODIAK. AK 99615 (907) 486-6024 York, NY 10020. Exxon Corporation, which is engaged in the business of operating petroleum companies through its subsidiaries and divisions, is an owner and operator of the Exxon Valdez.

10. Defendant, Exxon Shipping Company, Inc., a Delaware corporation and maritime subsidiary of defendant Exxon Corporation, with its principal place of business at 811 Dallas Avenue, Houston, Texas 77002, is an owner and operator of the Exxon Valdez.

11. Defendant, Exxon Co., USA, is a division of defendant Exxon Corporation, with its principal place of business at 800 Bell Avenue, Houston, TX 77002. Exxon Co., USA, which is engaged in the business of producing crude oil and refining, transporting and marketing petroleum products in the United States, is an owner and operator of the Exxon Valdez.

DEFINITIONS

12. As used herein, the terms "rupture", "spill", and "accident" refer to the rupture of the hull and oil tanks of the Exxon Valdez on March 24, 1989 and the consequent release of more than ten million gallons of crude oil into Prince William Sound, Alaska, one of the nation's most productive and pristine sounds containing sensitive estuaries, which is home to whales, sea otters, seals, salmon, herring, other fish, and numerous types of commercial fisheries.

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4IN. EBELL ER & GENTRY CAROLYN STREET KODIAK. AK 99615 (907) 485-6024 13. As used herein, the terms "Exxon", "defendant Exxon" and "the Exxon defendants" refer collectively to defendants Exxon Corporation, Exxon Shipping Company, and Exxon USA.

14. As used herein, the term "Terminal Facilities" refers to those facilities of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System, including specifically the Port of Valdez, Alaska, at which oil is taken from the pipeline and loaded on vessels or placed in storage for future loading onto vessels.

15. As used herein, the terms "Trans-Alaska Pipeline System" or "System" refer to any pipeline or terminal facilities constructed by the holders of the Pipeline right-of-way under the authority of the Act.

16. As used herein, the term "Pipeline" refers to any Pipeline in the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System.

17. As used herein, the term "Vessel" refers to a ship or tanker, including specifically the vessel known as the Exxon Valdez, being used as a means of transportation between the terminal facilities of the pipeline and ports under the jurisdiction of the United States, which is carrying oil that has been transported through the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System.

OPERATIVE FACTS

18. On Thursday evening, March 23, 1989, the Exxon Valdez, a 987 foot tanker, weighing 211,000 dead weight tons with

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19. The tanker's twelve oil tanks were filled to capacity with approximately 1.2 million barrels of crude oil which had been shipped from Alaska's North Slope through the Trans-Alaska Pipeline.

20. The Exxon Valdez passed through the harbor and Valdez Narrows under the command of a harbor pilot. Captain Joseph J. Hazelwood, who at all times relevant hereto was acting within the scope of his employment and as an agent and/or representative of defendant 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.

- 21. Upon information and belief, Captain Hazelwood had consumed substantial alcohol and was incapable of commanding and piloting the Exxon Valdez or any other ship. Shortly after the pilot disembarked, Captain Hazelwood retired to his cabin, one flight below the bridge, leaving only Gregory Cousins, the third mate, and Robert Kafan, the helmsman, on the bridge. At all times relevant hereto, Messrs. Cousins and Kafan were acting within the

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22. Mr. Cousins, who was not certified to command the tanker through these waters, sought and received Coast Guard permission to leave the normal deep-water southbound shipping lane of the channel due to earlier reports that it contained icebergs. The vessel was instructed to proceed into the northbound channel and continue on a southwesterly course bound for Long Beach, California.

23. The vessel steered east into the empty northbound lane and proceeded three miles east past the alternative channel, outside the shipping lanes, into a charted area of rocky reefs.

24. The vessel was outside the channel when she first struck the well-marked Bligh Reef, which ripped along the starboard side with jarring impact, tearing three holes into the starboard tanks and ripping out a portion of the hull.

25. Upon information and belief, Captain Hazelwood remained in his cabin, although the noise and impact should have immediately commanded the Captain to the bridge.

26. Although the ship was still navigable after the first impact, she was so far east of deep water that when Mr. Cousins tried to turn the Exxon Valdez back toward the West it

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27. 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--upon information and belief--the largest oil spill in United States history. To date, approximately 11.0 million gallons of crude oil has been discharged into Prince William Sound, contaminating abundant wildlife as well as shoreline real and personal property.

28. Nine (9) hours after the vessel grounded on Bligh Reef, federal investigators submitted Captain Hazelwood to blood and urine alcohol tests from which they determined that he had been legally drunk at the time of the accident and in violation of permitted Coast Guard alcohol limits for operating commercial vessels at sea.

29. Damages to plaintiff and the plaintiff Class caused by this discharge of millions of gallons of thick, North Slope crude oil, include but are not limited to damages to real property as well as damage to marine life, including herring, salmon, bottom fish, shrimp and crab, and personal property (including but not limited to boats and ships fouled by the oil).

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30. Plaintiff and the plaintiff Class have incurred substantial expenses in attempting to minimize the effect of the oil spill and will incur additional expenses to clean up the oil spill.

31. The oil slick has spread from Prince William Sound to the Kodiak Island Archipelago as it moves toward other areas in the Gulf of Alaska; these islands are home to thousands of water birds and sea

and land mammals and fish and shellfish, whose contamination by the spreading oil cannot yet be quantified.

32. Upon information and belief, the damage caused by the spill to property, trades and businesses, fishing and marine life could last for years. The region's jagged coastline created hidden pockets of oil as the slick reached shore, creating opportunities for repollution for a protracted time into the future.

CLASS ALLEGATIONS

33. This action is brought by plaintiff on his own behalf and, pursuant to Rule 23, Fed. R. Civ. P., on behalf of a Class consisting of all persons and entities who were injured or adversely affected by the rupture of defendant Exxon's oil tanker on March 24, 1989, the subsequent oil spill therefrom, and the ensuing cleanup effort. Excluded from the Class are all persons

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MIN. EBELL JER & GENTRY Dicarolin Statet Diak. Ak 99615 (907) 436-6024 currently seeking to make tort claims based exclusively on bodily injury as a result of the rupture, spill, the conduct of the emergency response, and cleanup activities; as well as the defendants, their respective parent corporations, affiliates, subsidiaries, divisions and the directors, officers, agents, employees and representatives of each.

34. Plaintiff is unable to state precisely the size of the Class, but members of the Class number in at least the thousands. The Class is sufficiently numerous that joinder of all of its members is impracticable.

35. There exist questions of law and fact common to the Class with respect to the rupture and resultant spill, the cause thereof, and the ensuing cleanup efforts which predominate over any questions affecting only individual members of the Class. Among the questions common to the Class are:

(a) whether Alyeska, the Exxon defendants and the Fund are strictly liable pursuant to the revisions of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Authorization Act;

(b) whether Alyeska and the Exxon defendants are liable in negligence pursuant to the provisions of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Authorization Act;

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11N. EBELL IR & GENTRY III GAROLYN STREET KODIAK, AK 99615 (907) 485-6024 (c) whether the Exxon defendants were negligent in (i) maintaining, (ii) controlling, and (iii) operating the Exxon Valdez;

(d) whether the Exxon defendants acted recklessly, and wantonly, or in willful disregard of the rights and economic wellbeing of plaintiff and the plaintiff Class in (i) maintaining,
(ii) controlling, and (iii) operating the Exxon Valdez;

(e) whether Alyeska and the Exxon defendants were negligent in (i) failing to establish and provide for an adequate contingency plan to contain and cleanup any discharge of oil fm a vessel; (ii) planning the ensuing cleanup effort; (iii) carryingout the ensuing cleanup effort; (iv) delaying the ensuing cleanup effort; (v) employing inadequate or improper tactics in the ensuing cleanup effort; and (vii) failing to have available for immediate emergency use adequate and proper supplies, equipment and personnel for the ensuing cleanup effort;

(f) whether Alyeska and the Exxon defendants acted recklessly, and wantonly, or in willful disregard of the rights and economic well-being of plaintiff and the plaintiff Class in (i) failing to establish and provide for an adequate contingency plan to contain and cleanup any discharge of oil from a vessel; (ii) planning the ensuing cleanup effort; (iii) carrying out the ensuing cleanup effort; (iv) delaying the ensuing cleanup effort;

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IN. EBELL .R & GENTRY Anglyn Street Kodiak. Ak 99615 (307) 486-6024 (v) employing inadequate and improper tactics in the ensuing cleanup effort; and (vi) failing to have available for immediate emergency use adequate and proper supplies, equipment and personnel for the ensuing cleanup effort;

(g) whether Alyeska and the Exxon defendants were negligent per se because of violations of applicable federal and state laws;

(h) whether the conduct of Alyeska and the Exxon defendants as set forth herein is such as to warrant the imposition of punitive damages;

(i) the impact of the discharged oil and toxic effluents upon Prince William Sound, the Kodiak Island Archipelago, the Gulf of Alaska and their marine life;

(j) the measures necessary to ameliorate present and future pollution;

(k) whether the acts and omissions of Alyeska and the Exxon defendants were violated of Alaska Stat. Section 46.03.822 and other applicable state laws;

(1) whether equitable relief should be granted againstAlyeska and/or Exxon;

(m) whether the Court should order an ongoing environmental and/or monitoring program;

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MIN. EBELL ER & GENTRY CAROLYN STREET RODIAK, AK 99615 (907) 486-6024 (n) whether the Court should order Alyeska and the Exxon defendants to provide plaintiff, the plaintiff Class and affected communities with environmental relief;

(0) whether the Exxon Valdez was unseaworthy at the time of the grounding; and

(p) whether the owners of the Exxon Valdez had privity and knowledge of the unseaworthy condition of the vessel.

36. The claims of the representative plaintiff are typical of the claims of the Class.

37. Plaintiff will fully and adequately protect the interests of the Class. The interests of the Class representative is consistent with those of the members of the Class. In addition, plaintiff is represented by experienced and able counsel which have represented plaintiff Classes throughout the United States.

38. Defendants have acted with respect to plaintiff and the plaintiff Class in a manner generally applicable to all of them, thereby making appropriate final injunctive relief with respect to plaintiff and the plaintiff Class.

39. Given the scope of harm inflicted by defendants and the egregiousness of the misconduct which renders the award of punitive damages appropriate, the prosecution of separate actions by individual members of the Class would create a risk of

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N. EBELL .R & GENTRY 323 CAROLYH STREET KODIAK. AK 99615 (207) 186-6024 adjudication with respect to the individual members of the Class which would, as a practical matter, be dispositive of the interests of the other members not parties to the adjudication, or substantially impair or impede their ability to protect their interests.

40. A substantial claim for punitive damages exists on behalf of all of the members of the plaintiff Class, In order to achieve maximum judicial economy and fairness to litigants, a Class action is desirable to assure that an award of punitive damages is made in a single proceeding and fairly and uniformly allocated among all of the members of the Class.

41. Certification is appropriate under one or more of the provisions of Rule 23(b), Fed. R. Civ. P., including Rule 23(b)(1)(B), 23(b)(2) and/or 23(b)(3).

COUNT I

Trans-Alaska Pipeline Authorization Act

43 U.S.C. Section 1653(a)

Strict Liability

Plaintiff v. Alyeska

42. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates herein by reference each and every allegation set forth above.

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MIN. EBELL .R & GENTRY ... CAPOLYN STREET KODIAK. AK 99615 (307) 486-6024 43. Alyeska is now, and was at all times relevant thereto, the holder of the Pipeline right-of-way granted pursuant to the Act.

44. The damages to plaintiff and the plaintiff Class arose in connection with and resulted from activities along or in the vicinity of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline right-of-way.

45. Upon information and belief, the damages to plaintiff and the plaintiff Class were neither caused by an act of war nor by the negligence of the United States, any other government entity, or plaintiff and the plaintiff Class.

46. The oil discharged in connection with and resulting from activities along or in the vicinity of the Pipeline right-ofway have damaged and otherwise adversely affected lands, structures, personal property, fish, wildlife, biotic and other natural resources relied upon by Alaska Natives, Native organizations, and others, including specifically plaintiff and plaintiff Class, for subsistence and economic purposes.

47. Defendant Alyeska is strictly liable to plaintiff and the plaintiff Class for all damages sustained as the result of the discharges of oil from the Exxon Valdez up to a maximum of \$50 million pursuant to the Act, 43 U.S.C Section 1653(a).

COUNT II

Trans-Alaska Pipeline Authorization Act, •

COMPLAINT - 16

43 U.S.C. Section 1653(c)/Strict Liability

Plaintiff v. Exxon and The Fund

48. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates herein by reference each and every allegation set forth above.

49. The Exxon defendants are now, and were at all times relevant hereto, the owners and operators of the Exxon Valdez.

50. 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.

51. Upon information and belief, the damages to plaintiff and the plaintiff Class were neither caused by an act of war nor by the negligence of the United States, any other governmental agency, or plaintiff and the plaintiff Class.

52. The oil discharged from the Exxon Valdez has damaged and otherwise adversely affected lands, structures, personal property, fish, wildlife, biotic and other natural resources relied upon by Alaska Natives, Native Organizations, and others, including specifically plaintiff and the plaintiff Class, for subsistence and economic purposes.

53. Defendants Exxon and the Fund are strictly liable to plaintiff and the plaintiff Class for all damages sustained as

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N. EBELL 3 & GENTRY 323 CAROLYN STREET KODIAK. AK 99615 (207) 486-6024 the result of the discharges of oil from the Exxon Valdez up to a maximum of \$100 million pursuant to the Act, 43 U.S.C. Section 1653(c).

COUNT III

Trans-Alaska Pipeline Authorization Act,

43 U.S.C. Section 1653

Negligence--Plaintiff v. Alyeska and Exxon

54. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates herein by reference each and every allegation set forth above.

55. Defendants Alyeska and Exxon had continuously reassured environmentalists and others, including specifically plaintiff and the plaintiff Class, at all times prior to the accident that there existed an emergency cleanup 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 dispersant.

56. Upon information and belief, Alyeska and Exxon's "contingency cleanup plan" required them to be on site within five hours of the spill. Eighteen hours after the rupture, 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

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57. The delays were in part due to repairs being performed on the barge required to pull the booms around the Exxon Valdez.

58. Lack of proper equipment and supplies, and lack of sufficient properly trained personnel also hindered effective cleanup operations.

59. Moreover, neither Alyeska nor Exxon had enough equipment to handle a spill of this size, even though these defendants have represented for years that their oil-spill crews were prepared for such a spill.

60. The tactics finally chosen by defendants, chemical dispersants which could cause further harm to the water, environment, wildlife, and property were ineffective. These chemical dispersants, previously touted as an effective weapon against oil slicks, could not be used initially because the water was too cold and calm, making the slick too thick for the dispersants to work.

61. Upon information and belief, the oil has now been in the water too long for these dispersants to work since they are most effective only if employed within twenty-four hours after a

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MIN. EBELL ER & GENTRY CAROLYN STATET KODIAK. AK 99615 1937) 496-6024 spill. Beyond that time period, the oil develops a resistance to chemical treatment.

62. Defendants' other "contingency cleanup 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.

63. Pursuant to the Act, 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 defendants. In regard thereto, defendants had a duty to plaintiff and the plaintiff Class to have adequate resources available to immediately and effectively contain and cleanup any oil spill in any area within or without the right-of-way or permit area granted to them.

64. In the exercise of care, defendants knew or should have known that they lacked adequate equipment, supplies and personnel to effectively contain and cleanup a spill of this magnitude, that their "contingency cleanup plan", including the tactics they developed thereunder, were extremely limited in their

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'IN, EBELL _R & GENTRY '23 CAROLYN STREET NODIAK, AK 99615 (307) 486-6024 efficiency and use, and that these tactics could only be employed under "ideal environmental conditions" if at all.

65. The negligence of defendants Alyeska and Exxon in the control and cleanup operations specifically included, but was not limited to:

(a) failing to establish and provide for an adequate contingency plan to contain and cleanup any discharge of oil;

(b) inadequately planning the ensuing cleanup effort;

(c) inadequately carrying out the ensuing cleanup effort;

(d) unreasonably delaying the ensuing cleanup effort;

(e) choosing inadequate tactics in the ensuing cleanupeffort; and

(f) possessing inadequate equipment, supplies and personnel for deployment in the ensuing cleanup, all of which served to aggravate and compound the damages to plaintiff and the plaintiff Class.

66. As a direct and proximate result of the foregoing negligence, plaintiff and the plaintiff Class have suffered damages.

67. Defendants Alyeska and Exxon acted recklessly, and wantonly and in willful disregard of the rights and economic wellbeing of plaintiff and the plaintiff Class in the control and

COMPLAINT - 21

N. EBELL . & GENTRY Rolth Street "Joiak. Ak 99615 (477) 495-6024 cleanup operations of this spill, for which plaintiff and the plaintiff Class are entitled to punitive damages.

COUNT IV

Trans-Alaska Pipeline Authorization Act,

43 U.S.C. Section 1653(c)/Negligence

Plaintiff v. Exxon

68. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference each and every allegation set forth above.

69. The captain of the Exxon Valdez, Joseph J. Hazelwood, who, upon information and belief had been convicted twice previously of charges involving drinking and driving in the past five years and had his driver's license suspended or revoked three times in that same period, was not in command when the tanker hit the well-marked Bligh Reef.

70. Instead, the third-mate, Gregory Cousins, was in command of the tanker when it ran aground, although Cousins lacked proper certification and did not have adequate training, experience, or competence to pilot vessels such as the Exxon Valdez through the waters of Prince William Sound.

71. 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 tanker

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MIN. EBELL IR & GENTRY CAPOLYN STREET KODIAK, AK 99615 (707) 186-6024 to Cousins, but also a violation of applicable Coast Guard rules and regulations.

72. 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.

73. Captain Hazelwood and third-mate Cousins knew or should have known that it was not only unreasonably dangerous for Hazelwood to be intoxicated while commanding a commercial vessel, but also a violation of applicable Coast Guard rules and regulations.

74. 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, that Hazelwood did not possess the requisite degree of competence to command the Exxon Valdez with reasonable prudence, skill or care.

75. The Exxon defendants knew or should have known based on 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 trade for which it was intended.

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'IN. EBELL R & GENTRY AROLYN STREET 'ODIAK. AK 99615 '307) 486-6024 76. The negligence of the Exxon defendants in the ownership and operation of the Exxon Valdez specifically included, but was not limited to:

(a) failing to adequately crew the tanker;

(b) failing to adequately pilot and navigate PrinceWilliam Sound; and

(c) 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, caused plaintiff and the plaintiff Class to suffer damages as described above.

77. The Exxon defendants acted recklessly, and wantonly and in willful disregard of the rights and economic well-being of plaintiff and the plaintiff Class in the ownership and operation of the Exxon Valdez for which plaintiff and the plaintiff Class are entitled to punitive damages.

COUNT V

Maritime Tort--Plaintiff v. Alyeska and Exxon

78. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference each and every allegation set forth above.

79. By virtue of the above, defendants negligently violated the general maritime and admiralty laws of the United

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11. EBELL & GENTRY AROLYN STREET CODIAK. AK 99615 13071 186-6024 States, which violations were a direct and proximate cause of the damages suffered by plaintiff and the plaintiff Class.

COUNT VI

Common Law Negligence--Plaintiff v. Alyeska and Exxon

80. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference each and every allegation set forth above.

81. By virtue of the above, defendants were negligent, which negligent acts and omissions directly and proximately caused the damages suffered by plaintiff and the plaintiff Class.

COUNT VII

Alaska Environmental Conservation Act

Plaintiff v. Alyeska and Exxon

82. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates herein by reference each and every allegation set forth above.

83. 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.

84. The presence of oil in the Prince William Sound and its subsequent spreading to the Kodiak Island Archipelago, and to other areas in the Gulf of Alaska, presents an imminent and

COMPLAINT - 25

MIN. EBELL .R & GENTRY :APOLYN STREET KODIAK. AK 99615 (707) 486-6024 substantial danger to the public health or welfare, including but not limited to fish, animals, vegetation, and/or any part of the natural habitat in which they are found.

85. 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.

86. 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;

(a) an act of war;

(b) 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;

(c) negligence on the part of the United Statesgovernment or the State of Alaska;

(d) an act of God.

87. Upon information and belief, upon discovery of the entry of the oil in or upon the water, surface or subsurface land of the State of Alaska, defendants delayed and/or failed to begin operations to contain and cleanup the hazardous substance within a reasonable period of time.

COMPLAINT - 26

MIN, EBELL IR & GENTRY SARDLYN STREET KODIAK, AK 99615 (507) 486-6024 88. 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, including but not limited to injury or loss to real and personal property, loss of income, loss of means of producing income and loss of economic benefits, for which the defendants are strictly liable pursuant to Section 46.03.822 of the Alaska Environmental Conservation Act.

COUNT VIII

Alaska Stat. Section 09.25.230

Plaintiff v. Alyeska and Exxon

89. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates herein by reference each and every allegation set forth above.

90. The acts and omissions of the defendants created a private nuisance through substantial interference with the use and enjoyment of plaintiff's and the plaintiff Class' interests in property.

91. This substantial interference with the use and enjoyment of plaintiff's and the plaintiff Class' interests in property includes, but is not limited to, inter alia. injury or loss to real and personal property, loss of income, loss of means of producing income and loss of economic benefits.

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AMIN. EBELL ER & GENTRY CAROLYN STREET RUDIAK. AK 99615 (907) 486-6024 92. The substantial interference with plaintiff's and the plaintiff Class' interests were caused by the actions and omissions of the defendants for which they are liable to plaintiff and the plaintiff Class for the damages sustained.

93. The defendants threaten to continue the acts and omissions complained of herein, and unless temporarily, preliminarily or permanently restrained and enjoined, will continue to do so, all to plaintiff's and the plaintiff Class' irrefutable damage. Plaintiff's and the plaintiff Class' remedy at law for damages is not adequate to compensate them for the injuries threatened to continue.

COUNT IX

Public Nuisance--Plaintiff v. Alyeska and Exxon

94. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates herein by reference each and every allegation set forth above.

95. The acts and omissions of the defendants created a public nuisance through unreasonable interference with the rights of plaintiff and the plaintiff Class to water that is free from pollution and contamination by oil.

96. The unreasonable interference with the rights of plaintiff and the plaintiff Class common to the public resulted in special and distinct harm to plaintiff and the plaintiff Class

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HIN, EBELL R & GENTRY HAROLYN STREET KODIAK, AK 99615 (507) 456-6024 including, but not limited to, inter alia. loss of business as a result of the pollution.

97. The substantial interference with plaintiff's and the plaintiff Class' interests was caused by the actions and omissions of the defendants for which they are liable to plaintiff and the plaintiff Class for the damages sustained.

98. The defendants threaten to continue the acts and omissions complained of herein, and unless temporarily, preliminarily or permanently restrained and enjoined, will continue to do so, all to plaintiff's and the plaintiff Class' irrefutable damage. Plaintiff's and the plaintiff Class' remedy at law for damages is not adequate to compensate them for the injuries threatened to continue.

COUNT X

Negligence per se--Plaintiff v. Alyeska and Exxon

99. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates herein by reference each and every allegation set forth above.

100. The acts and omissions of the defendants violate The Trans-Alaska Pipeline Authorization Act, 43 U.S.C. Section 1651, <u>et seq</u>., and Alaska State and local law, including Alaska Stat. Section 46.03.101, <u>et seq</u>. and Alaska Stat. Section 09.45.230. In so violating these laws, defendants were negligent per se.

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MIN. EBELL IR & GENTRY LARCLYN STREET AODIAK, AK 39615 (307) 486-6024 101. The Exxon defendants also failed to obtain the necessary certification from the Coast Guard for Gregory Cousins to pilot vessels such as the Exxon Valdez through the waters of the Prince William Sound, violating Coast Guard regulations. In failing to do so, defendants were negligent per se.

102. The defendants are liable to plaintiff and the plaintiff Class for all damages resulting from the accident and discharge on account of their violations of the above-mentioned federal and state laws and certification requirements.

COUNT XI

Equitable Relief--Plaintiff v. Alyeska and Exxon

103. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates herein by reference each and every allegation set forth above.

104. On account of the defendants' violations of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Authorization Act, 43 U.S.C. Section 1651 <u>et</u> <u>seq</u>. Alaska Stat. Section 46.03.010 <u>et seq</u>. Alaska Stat. Section 09.45.230, and other applicable federal and state laws, defendants are liable to plaintiff and the plaintiff Class for civil damages, and should be enjoined to control, contain cleanup and restore the environment to its condition prior to the rupture and consequent discharge.

105. In addition, monitoring for the level of contamination of air, soil and water, and monitoring for potential

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41N. EBELL R & GENTRY AROLYN STREET *2014K. AK 99615 (207) 486-6024 adverse effects from exposure to contaminated air, soil and water, are necessary to protect plaintiff and the plaintiff Class from further harm likely to result from defendants' acts and omissions as alleged herein.

106. The costs of said control, containment, cleanup, restoration and monitoring should be borne by defendants inasmuch as the injuries to plaintiff and the plaintiff Class all resulted from the rupture, resulting discharge and ensuing cleanup effort which was caused by defendants' wrongful conduct as alleged herein.

107. Plaintiff and the Class members therefore seek equitable relief in the form of a mandatory injunction ordering appropriate and qualified governmental or neutral private agencies to provide continual monitoring under Court supervision, and to further order that defendants control, contain, cleanup and restore the environment and pay all attendant costs therefor.

RELIEF SOUGHT

WHEREFORE, plaintiff pray that this Court:

Order this action to proceed as a Class action,
 with plaintiff as the Class representative;

2. Award compensatory and punitive damages under all counts to plaintiff and all other members of the Class in an

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MIN. EBELL R & GENTRY HADLYN STREET KODIAK, AK 95615 (207) 486-6024 amount to be determined by the finder of fact against the defendants;

3. Award attorney fees and the costs of this action;

4. Enter declaratory and injunctive relief to abate the nuisance arising out of the defendants' wrongful acts and omissions as alleged herein, and order defendants to pay for ongoing control, containment, cleanup, restoration and monitoring of oil contamination and adverse effects resulting therefrom under the jurisdiction of this Court;

5. Award such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

6. Plaintiff respectfully demands trial by jury. DATED this _____ day of April, 1989, at Kodiak, Alaska.

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