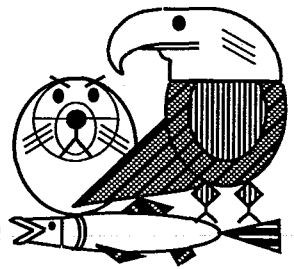


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Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Restoration Final Environmental Impact Statement Released

On behalf of the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council, the U.S. Forest Service within the Department of Agriculture announced the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Restoration Plan. The Notice of Availability was published in the Federal Register by the Forest Service on September 27 and the Environmental Protection Agency on September 30.

The Restoration Plan will establish management direction and guide all natural resource restoration activities covered by the civil settlement to the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill between Exxon Corporation and the state and federal governments. The settlement, which was approved by a federal court in October 1991, will result in State and Federal Trustees receiving \$900 million in civil damages from Exxon over ten years, ending in 2001. The funds are to be used to restore the natural resources and services injured by the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill, which occurred in March 1989.

It is anticipated that a decision will be made on a final Restoration Plan approximately 30 days after publication of the Notice of Availability.

Copies of a Summary or the full Final Environmental Impact Statement are available on request from the Oil Spill Public Information Center, 645 G Street, Anchorage, AK 99501, or dial 907/278-8008, toll-free within Alaska at 1-800-478-7745, toll-free outside Alaska at 1-800-283-7745. Copies will also be available at public libraries in Anchorage, Juneau, Fairbanks, Valdez, Cordova, Kodiak, Homer and Seward, Alaska.

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State of Alaska: Departments of Fish & Game, Law, and Environmental Conservation
United States: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Departments of Agriculture and Interior