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**Written comments** should be mailed or delivered to: *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council, Attn: EIS Comments, 645 G Street, Suite 401, Anchorage, AK 99501-3451.

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**To obtain a copy** of the Draft Restoration Plan, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement or additional information, please contact the Oil Spill Public Information Center, 645 G Street, Anchorage, AK 99501, or call 907/278-8008, toll-free at the numbers listed above.

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## Draft EIS Meetings Schedule

Date	Community	Time	Address	Other information you need
June 27, 1994	Anchorage	4:00-8:00 PM	EVOS Trustee Council Restoration Office 645 G Street, Suite 100	Contact: Rebecca Williams, 278-8012 ext 226  Meeting in the first floor large meeting room. Rebecca will make sure there is a small pot of coffee available; you provide cookies (please assume that is the case for all meetings). Remind Rebecca of coffee on the morning of 6/27.
June 29, 1994	Seward	4:00-8:00 PM	Kenai Fjords National Park Visitor's Center 1212 4th Ave., Small Boat Harbor	Contact: Maria 224-3174 <sup>5</sup>  Park Superintendant: Anne Castellina  You must bring the coffee pot as well as all accessories (cups, sugar, cream, napkins, stirrers, etc). They have tables you can arrange to your needs. They usually have a film for the public in this space but will schedule EIS meeting for this night instead.
July 1, 1994	Homer	4:00-8:00 PM	City Council Chambers 491 E Pioneer Ave.	Contact: Mary Calhoun, City Clerk 235-3130  Sherri in the clerk's office will make coffee, they provide cups, sugar and cream. There's also a pop machine there. Call and remind Mary or Sherri of their promise to make coffee the day before the meeting.

July 5, 1994	Kodiak	4:00-8:00 PM	Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game Conference Room 211 Mission Rd. Kodiak, AK 99615	Contact: Pete Probasco 486-1825 Need to write a letter to Pete for his files requesting use of the conference room. Bring coffee (drip grind) and cups; they will provide cream and sugar. <i>FAX 486-1841</i>
July 7, 1994	Cordova	4:00-8:00 PM	U.S. Forest Service Third Floor Conference Room 612 Second Street	Contact: Nancy O'Brien 424-7661 They have a 10 cup coffee pot, will provide filters, cream and sugar; bring coffee and cups.
July 19, 1994	Valdez	4:00-8:00 PM	City Council Chambers 212 Chenega Ave.	Contact: Mandy Hale, Sherry Cables, or Jeanne Donald in City Clerk's office 835-4313 They have a coffee pot; bring coffee (percolator grind).

Note: L.J. suggests that you call the contact person at each location a day or so before the meeting to help insure everything will go smoothly.



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## DEIS MEETING — TALKING POINTS

### A. Background

*The Problem...* in 1989, Joe Hazelwood drove the *Exxon Valdez* onto Bligh Reef, dumping 11 million gallons of crude oil resulting in widespread damages as described in the *5th Year Status Report* (refer to copy)

*The Opportunity ...* following extensive litigation:

- in 1991, the US District Court approved a civil settlement that resolved the claims that the US and the State of Alaska had brought against *Exxon* for the recovery of civil damages from the spill
- *Exxon* agreed to pay US/State of Alaska \$900 million over ten years (through 2001) and provided the opportunity to restore the damages from the spill

[NOTE: settlement governed by two documents (1) consent decree between *Exxon* and US/SOA, and (2) MOA between the US and the SOS... both approved by US Court]

### B. Use of Settlement Funds

- MOA provides restoration funds may be used only ...
  - "... for the purposes of restoring, replacing, enhancing, or acquiring the equivalent of natural *resources* as a result of the Oil Spill and the reduced or lost *services* provided by such resources..."
  - inside Alaska, unless agreed that Outside necessary for effective restoration
  - all decision unanimous
- the settlement contemplated significant reimbursements "off the top" to (1) the federal/state agencies for the costs associated with damage assessment, cleanup, response and litigation, as well as (2) *Exxon* for clean up costs

(see DRP, p. 5 for basic accounting of past expenditures)

- approximately \$654 million remains uncommitted at this time



... provides direction to guide the Annual Work Plan

— (very brief) highlights of *Draft Restoration Plan*:

- Chapter 2 Policies (... nine policies with explanations)
- Chapter 4 Objectives (describes what the injuries have been and what proposed recovery objectives are)
- Appendix B more detailed information about injury to specific resources

E. A Brief Review of the Public Process to Date

- public participation in the TC process has been extensive
- January 1992, public meetings were held/written comments requested regarding recommendation for establishment of PAG, later formed in October 1992
- additional public meetings were held in May 1992 on the restoration Framework Volume I document which provided an initial, general framework for restoration planning
- a third set of meetings was held in April-May 1993 to discuss Alternatives for the Draft Restoration Plan (the "tabloid")
  - approximately 2,000 comments were received on the tabloid
  - compiled in the *Summary of Public Comment on Alternatives* in September 1993
  - these public comments were used and reflected in preparation of the *Draft Restoration Plan* (see example, Policy 4, p. 12 of the DFRP)

F. Final Note...

- important to understand what *Draft Restoration Plan* is/isn't...
- the *Draft Restoration Plan* provides basic guidance on the types of restoration activities that can occur, it *does not* specify specific expenditures (or projects)... rather those decisions are made through the approval of the annual Work Plan
- in making decisions regarding the the annual work plan, the TC has been using the *Draft Restoration Plan* for guidance (on an interim basis) and will use the final restoration plan adopted by the TC after this public review process is complete



### C. The Trustee Council

- the settlement, under the Clean Water Act, provides that the President and the Gov appoint Trustees to supervise use of funds...
  - Attorney General (Botehlo/Tillery)
  - Commissioner of ADFG (Rosier)
  - Commissioner of DEC (Sandor)
  - Secretary of the Interior (Babbitt/Frampton)
  - Administrator of NOAA/US Dept of Commerce (Pennoyer)
  - Secretary of Agriculture (Espy/Wolfe)
- at the direction of Trustees, the TC administers Restoration Fund
- there is also a PAG (17 members, plus 2 ex-officio/formed in 1992) to assist in gathering public input and to advise the TC on use of settlement funds
- the TC is *not* a regulatory agency and does not manage fish/wildlife

### D. Why a Restoration Plan?

- the *Exxon Valdez* spill and the \$900 million settlement are without precedent ... it has taken quite a long time (admittedly) to come to terms with the process of developing a plan for future use of the settlement
- the *Draft Restoration Plan* ...
  - ... provides long-term guidance for restoring injured resources and services
  - ... contains proposed policies for making decisions about restoration actions
  - ... provides a common language for describing restoration
  - ... describes the basic components of what the Trustee Council has developed as the proposed alternative: a comprehensive, balanced approach to restoration, including
    - Monitoring
    - Research
    - General Restoration
    - Habitat Protection



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**EXXON VALDEZ TRUSTEE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**9:00 AM, TRUSTEE, NOVEMBER 30**  
**645 G Street, Anchorage**

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Alaska Newspapers Attn: Jerry McKee 503 E Sixth Avenue Anchorage, AK 99501  Handles all ads for Cordova Times, Seward Phoenix Log and Valdez Vanguard. Karen Hunter is manager of advertising	272-9830 FAX 272-9512	Thursday	Wed 5 pm Week before	
Anchorage Daily News Attn: Sherry Conway P.O. Box 149001 Anchorage, AK 99514- 9001	257-4250  FAX 258-4774	Daily  Account #: STOF 0506	4 days prior 5:00 p.m. Sunday deadline Tuesday 5:00 pm	
Prince William Sounder Cordova Section c/o Alaska Newspapers Attn: Jerry McKee 503 E Sixth Avenue Anchorage, AK 99501  Cordova Times Attn: Elia Tobar P.O. Box 200 Cordova, AK 99574	272-9830 FAX 272-9512   424-7181  FAX 424-5799	Thursday	Wed 5 pm Week before	
Fairbanks News Miner Attn: Linda Angel Box 710 Fairbanks, AK 99707	456-6661  FAX 452-7917 or 452-5054	Sun-Fri	3 working days	
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Peninsula Clarion Attn: Stacy or Linda Bell P.O. Box 3009 Kenai, AK 99611	283-7551  FAX 283-3299	Mon-Fri	3 days prior, noon	
Seward Phoenix Log c/o Alaska Newspapers Attn: Jerry McKee 503 E Sixth Avenue Anchorage, AK 99501  Seward Phoenix Log Attn: Nancy P.O. Box 89 Seward, AK 99664	272-9830 FAX 272-9512    224-5713 FAX 224-3157	Thursday	Wed 5 pm Week before	
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Valdez Star Attn: Jean P.O. Box 367 Valdez, AK 99686  No need to place ads in Valdez Star, per Dave Bruce, July 1993	835-2405  FAX 835-3882	Friday	Monday noon	

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	Pioneer/	KVAK - VDZ	835-3882			
		KTOO - JNU	586-3612			
		KJNO/KTKU-JNU	463-3685			
		Peninsula Clarion	283-3299			
		VDZ Vanguard	835-5101			
		JNU EMPIRE	586-9097			
		<del>Seward Phoenix</del>				
		Seward Phoenix	224-3157			
		K6TL - Homer	235-6683			
		Kodiak Daily Mirror	486-3088			
		KVOK - Kodiak	486-3044			
		KMXT - <del>Kod</del> Kod	486-2733			
		CORPOVA TIMES	424-5799			
		KSWD - Seward	224-3244			
		KSRM - Kenai	283-9177			
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Anchorage Daily News Attn: Advertising Dept. P.O. Box 149001 Anchorage, AK 99514-9001	257-4254 FAX 258-4774	Daily  Use account #: STOF 0506	3 days prior	2 col = 24 3 col = 36.5 4 col = 49
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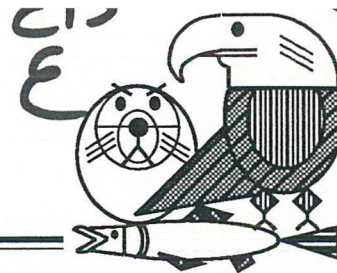
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Restoration Office

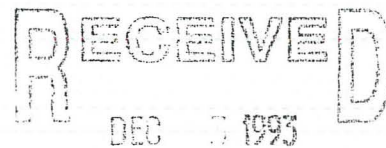
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Phone: (907) 278-8012 Fax: (907) 276-7178



## NEWS RELEASE

Date: December 3, 1993  
Contact: Jim Ayers or Molly McCammon 278-8012  
L.J. Evans 278-8008



EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL  
TRUSTEE COUNCIL  
ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD

## Trustee Council Pursues Restoration

**Anchorage**—The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council moved forward with a comprehensive approach to restoration and recovery of the resources injured by the 1989 spill at their meeting Tuesday.

"The Trustees' actions will provide a balanced approach to full restoration of the Alaskan ecosystem injured by the oil spill," said newly-appointed Executive Director Jim Ayers.

At the November 30 meeting the Trustee Council approved projects ranging from Kodiak to Prince William Sound. The Trustees approved a Draft Restoration Plan which will guide all future restoration actions, adopted a mission statement to help focus future Trustee actions, released the list of proposed 1994 projects for public review, approved funding for an Alutiiq Archaeological Artifact Repository in Kodiak, and reviewed the agenda for the Prince William Sound ecosystem workshop scheduled this weekend in Cordova.

The Draft Restoration Plan outlines an ecosystem approach which includes general restoration, monitoring and research, and habitat protection.

The draft plan, which still must comply with the National Environmental Protection Act process, will be used to guide annual decisions on how to spend the bulk of the civil settlement monies.

The myriad of general restoration projects proposed for the coming year include a project to restore sockeye salmon in Prince William Sound to replace

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### Trustee Agencies

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



salmon lost as a result of the oil spill, work to remove oil from mussel beds, and treatment of oiled beaches near the village of Chenega.

Monitoring and research projects under consideration include the development of a world-renowned marine research institute to be located in Seward. Some other related research projects include fisheries projects to determine the causes of recent drops in pink salmon and herring populations in Prince William Sound and sockeye on the Kenai Peninsula, and projects to assess the condition of various indicator species such as marine mammals and seabirds.

Action planned on habitat protection includes evaluation and ranking of additional parcels of land for their importance to species injured by the spill. The Trustees also directed Ayers to initiate tentative discussions with the owners of seventeen parcels which were already highly ranked.

Also at their November 30 meeting the Trustees received an update on the Ecosystem Workshop scheduled in Cordova December 4 through 6 to develop an ecosystem study for Prince William Sound. Workshop participants will define problems occurring in Prince William Sound, hypothesize causes and work to identify possible solutions.

In addition, the Trustees for the first time approved a mission statement which emphasizes restoring the injured ecosystem, "while taking into account the importance of quality of life and the need for viable opportunities to establish and sustain a reasonable standard of living."

"It's been two years of long hard work to get the restoration to this point," said Ayers. "I'm confident that the process will result in wise use of the settlement funds to benefit the entire nation as well as Alaskan residents and the injured ecosystem in the spill area."

Copies of the Restoration Plan or other Trustee Council documents are available at the Oil Spill Public Information Center in Anchorage, at 645 G Street, or by calling 907/278-8008, toll free in Alaska at 1-800-478-7745, or from outside Alaska at 1-800-283-7745.

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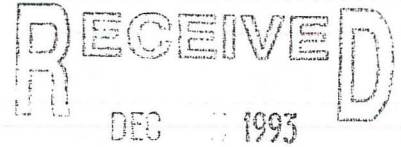
Restoration Office

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Phone: (907) 278-8012 Fax: (907) 276-7178



Date: December 3, 1993  
Contact: Jim Ayers or Molly McCammon 278-8012  
L.J. Evans 278-8008



## Fact Sheet: November 30, 1993 Trustee Council Meeting Actions

EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL  
TRUSTEE COUNCIL  
ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD

**Anchorage**—The draft plan to guide use of funds to restore resources and services injured by the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill was approved by state and federal officials at their November 30 meeting.

The *Draft Restoration Plan* outlines the policies developed by the *Exxon Valdez* Trustee Council after extensive public comment on two preliminary documents released in 1992 and 1993. The plan is available for public review now and will be sent out for formal public comment concurrently with the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the plan. Copies are available at the Oil Spill Public Information Center.

This Trustee Council meeting was the first to take place since appointment of new Executive Director Jim Ayers.

"The Trustees made a lot of critical decisions at this meeting," Ayers said. "It was an ideal point for me to come on board." The Trustees hired Ayers to move restoration activities into a second phase of work with adoption of the Restoration Plan and approval of development of an ecosystem planning approach.

The Restoration Plan incorporates nine general policies, each addressing an issue that was raised during public discussions. The policies specify that:

- the restoration program will take an ecosystem approach;
- restoration activities may be considered for any injured resource or the service it provides;

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- most restoration activities will occur within the spill area; a few restoration activities may occur elsewhere in Alaska;
- restoration activities will emphasize resources and services that have not recovered from injuries sustained as a result of the 1989 spill;
- activities must have a relationship to an injured resource, benefit the same user group that was injured and should be compatible with the character and public uses of the area;
- competitive proposals will be encouraged;
- restoration projects will be subject to independent scientific review;
- meaningful public participation will continue to be actively solicited; and
- government agencies involved will be funded only for restoration work that they do not normally conduct.

Other actions and issues discussed during the Trustee Council meeting included:

- The Trustees reviewed the *Comprehensive Habitat Protection Process: Large Parcel Evaluation & Ranking* document, which evaluated and ranked eighty-one land parcels of one thousand acres or more for their importance to species injured by the spill. The Trustees then directed Ayers to initiate discussions with the owners of seventeen parcels of privately owned land in Prince William Sound, on the Kenai Peninsula and in the Kodiak region which received high rankings.
- The Trustees directed Ayers to send the Draft 1994 Work Plan out for public review and comment. The document should be distributed around December 13, staff members said. The draft plan will include a proposed Alaska Marine Research Institute to be located in Seward and dedicated to research and monitoring of marine mammals and seabirds to aid in their long-term recovery.
- Funding was approved for the Alutiiq Archaeological Repository in Kodiak.
- The 1993 Shoreline Survey Assessment project report was delivered by Project Leader Ernie Piper and geomorphologist Dr. Jim Gibeaut. They reported that oil residue—either surface or subsurface—was present at every one of the 59 study sites the team visited in Prince William Sound and the Kenai region. They also noted that overall oiling is markedly reduced, and that the effects of cleanup work are becoming more apparent over time as indicated by reductions in oil remaining at sites which were cleaned more aggressively. Gibeaut said there was also a substantial decrease in subsurface

oil found from 1991 to 1993. He noted that the rate of decrease is slowing, however, and speculated that it may take another four years to see the amount of improvement noted between 1991 and 1993.

- The Trustees reviewed the agenda for an Ecosystem Workshop sponsored by the Council to take place in Cordova December 4 through 6. This workshop is the result of the Trustees commitment to develop an ecosystem study for Prince William Sound. Workshop participants will define problems occurring in Prince William Sound, hypothesize causes and work to identify possible solutions.

Copies of the Restoration Plan or other Trustee Council documents are available at the Oil Spill Public Information Center in Anchorage, at 645 G Street, or by calling 907/278-8008, toll free in Alaska at 1-800-478-7745, or from outside Alaska at 1-800-283-7745.

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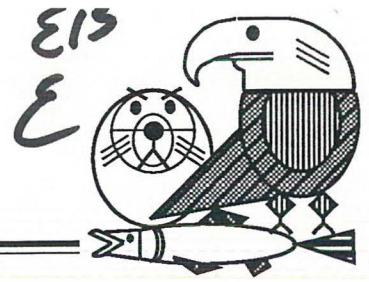


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### *Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustees Appoint Executive Director*

**Anchorage** — The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council today unanimously approved a motion to offer Jim Ayers of Juneau the position of Executive Director of Trustee Council operations.

In this position Ayers would direct restoration planning and management under the October 1991 civil settlement between the state and federal governments and Exxon. Ayers is currently Director of the Alaska Marine Highway System, and has served the State of Alaska previously in a variety of resource management posts, including Deputy Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

"We're excited about putting Mr. Ayers in this post," said Trustee Charles Cole, Alaska Attorney General. "We think this selection will give an indication to the people of the state and the country that we are serious about moving things forward with restoration, enhancement and acquisition in the spill affected region that will help to bring balance to an environment injured by the 1989 spill."

"The job with the Trustee Council is the opportunity of a lifetime to do good things for people, the environment and the resources," said Ayers. "I intend to work closely with the state and federal trustees and the people in the spill affected region. I'm very proud to serve and I'm confident we can reach agreement quickly on terms and conditions of the job."

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#### Trustee Agencies

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

Ayers has nearly 20 years of experience in private enterprise and public administration, much of it resource-related. In addition to his work at the state ferry system and the fish and game department, he has worked extensively with rural, coastal Alaska communities. He holds a bachelor of science degree in economics and industrial management from Purdue University, and an M.S. in administration from the University of Oregon.

"The Department of the Interior appreciates the commitment on the part of the state trustees in choosing an extremely qualified person to serve as Executive Director," said George Frampton, Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks. "This is an excellent example of the spirit of cooperation between the state and federal governments."

The Trustee Council in a separate motion approved a recommendation to Ayers of Molly McCammon as Assistant Director, noting that selection of key staff members will be one of Ayers' immediate priorities. Ayers said that he intends to meet with McCammon soon to discuss the position.

McCammon has specialized in fisheries management issues for both the state fish and game department, as a special assistant to the commissioner, and as staff to several state legislators representing Western Alaska coastal communities.

The Trustees commended Interim Administrative Director Dave Gibbons, who was appointed to that post at the Trustees' first meeting in December of 1991.

"Dave and the staff have done a tremendous job to bring us through this extremely fluid period in the formative stages of the trustees operations. Dr. Gibbons has done an exceptional job in helping the Trustee Council to steer through this difficult period and deserves a great deal of credit and thanks," said Steve Pennoyer, NOAA Trustee.

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