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July 29, 1994

EVOS Trustee Council
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To whom it may concern,

I learned recently of the proposed terms of disposition of the civil fines to be paid by Exxon for the Exxon Valdes oil spill. I am shocked at how much is being used for further studies and at the amount and allocation of funds to be used for acquisition of land to be preserved for the public.

I urge you to raise the habitat protection budget to as much as possible, at least 500 million dollars, and to use this money to make large land acquisitions, not to purchase small parcels surrounded by clearcuts.

I urge you to slash the budget for "general restoration" boondoggles.

I urge you to save areas such as Kenai Fjords National Park, Chenega lands, Knight Island, Eyak lands, Afognak Island, and the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge.

Thank you for taking these comments into consideration.

Sincerely,

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Greetings:

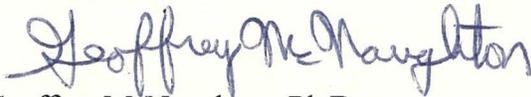
I am pleased to be able to comment on your Restoration Plan Draft Environmental Impact Statement. It addresses the issues very well and presents a good range of alternatives. Alternative 5 (the proposed action) is the most attractive since it emphasizes Monitoring and Research more than the other alternatives, yet still maintains a good balance of Restoration and Habitat Protection.

Funds for monitoring and research have always been very limited and are becoming even more difficult to obtain. But research that provides solid answers to questions is probably the most important tool for ensuring the continued health and protection of the oil impacted areas. Very little quality research has addressed the normal functioning of these ecosystems. This has resulted in difficult or even questionable determinations of oil spill effects and appropriate restoration techniques. As Senator Frank Murkowski stated in his recent (7-30-94) editorial in the Anchorage Daily News: "What's missing isn't federal or state land, but long-term research on the fish and wildlife resources of Prince William Sound and a steady, guaranteed source of funds that will make such studies possible".

By emphasizing Monitoring and Research, Alternative 5 represents an excellent opportunity to fund long-term research. But great care should be exercised in determining and prioritizing appropriate research topics so that the most important basic and applied questions are addressed. Many natural or perceived declines in fish and wildlife populations have been blamed on the oil spill, restoration efforts, and/or timber harvest in the area. Many proposed topics in the past have been very questionable and seem to simply be looking at the large amount of money available instead of any carefully thought out objective.

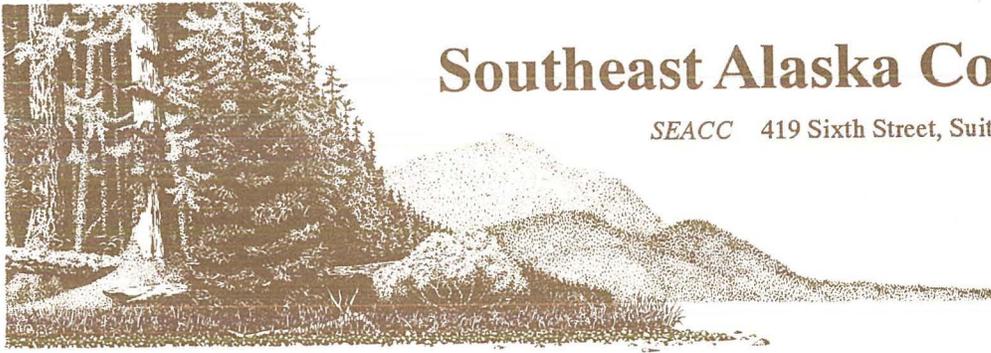
Habitat acquisition is a viable method for addressing oil impacts but the idea of willing seller and willing buyer cannot be overemphasized. There is also good potential for a wide variety of cooperative agreements with private landowners to protect wildlife and fish habitat. This could also be very cost effective since it may reduce the need to actually the purchase land.

Sincerely,



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Environmental Manager





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July 30, 1994

Jim Ayers
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Regarding: Restoration Plan Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Mr. Ayers and members of the EVOS Trustee Council:

These comments on the Restoration Plan Draft Environmental Impact Statement are submitted by the Southeast Alaska Conservation Council (SEACC). SEACC is a coalition of fifteen volunteer citizen conservation organizations in twelve Southeast Alaska communities. We have over 1400 individual members. We are also members of the Alaska Rainforest Campaign, a coalition of eight Alaskan and national conservation organizations dedicated to advocating for the conservation, appreciation and wise long-term management of the scenic, wilderness, fish, wildlife, recreation, and other natural resources of Alaska's coastal rainforest ecosystem. This rare ecosystem stretches from Ketchikan north to Kodiak and includes the valuable Prince William Sound.

We hope that the EVOS Trustee Council will seize this amazing opportunity to provide for the comprehensive protection of large pristine areas of Alaska's temperate rainforest, one of the world's rarest and most valuable ecosystem treasures.

The Exxon Valdez oil spill, the largest oil spill in U.S. history, severely damaged resources that residents of Prince William Sound depend upon for their livelihood. Now clearcut-logging and other development threatens to destroy habitat for the same fish and wildlife species damaged by the spill. Bald eagles, sea otters, harlequin ducks, marbled murrelets, shellfish, wild salmon, and other animals that thrive in Alaska's forests, streams, and estuaries are taking another tremendous blow. Most have not yet recovered from the spill.

The one-two-punch of the spill and clear-cutting also threatens major economic activities in the Sound. Thousands of people living and working in the Sound depend on commercial fishing, sport fishing, hunting, recreation, tourism, and subsistence activities for their livelihood. These activities were severely disrupted by the spill, and now logging threatens to degrade them further. Indeed, because the forests provide critical habitat for fish and wildlife and uninterrupted scenery for tourists and recreationists, the destruction of the forest means the destruction of the very resources people depend on for their way of life.

Using Exxon settlement funds to buy and protect wildlife habitat is the best way to restore the wildlife populations injured by the oil spill.

We urge you to take a comprehensive approach to maintaining the resources of the Sound and to protect as many large blocks of undisturbed rainforest as possible. Healthy, intact ecosystems provide much better habitat for fish and wildlife than small parcels with adjacent clearcuts. Spending EVOS money on protecting large areas of rainforest will better ensure that species (and economies) damaged by the spill will recover. Unfortunately, with the damage already done,

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spending only one third of the EVOS money on protecting habitat is clearly insufficient. We request that you increase the "Habitat Protection" budget to at least \$500 million.

You and the other members of the EVOS Trustee Council have a unique opportunity to restore and protect some of Alaska's most valuable assets. You should stop wasting money on bureaucratic dilly-dallying and start spending much-needed trust fund money on practical and economical deals that protect the resources, like fish and wildlife, that were damaged in the spill and that so many Alaskans depend upon.

You are required to spend EVOS money on restoring wildlife populations, wilderness values, and other injured resources. We request that you:

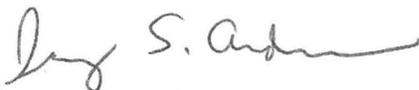
- Stand up and protect the livelihoods of people who live and work on the Sound;
- Protect the forests and the valuable habitat they provide to fish and wildlife damaged by the oil spill;
- Increase the habitat portion of the budget to at least \$500 million;
- Support the purchase of large parcels, not just small areas surrounded by clear cuts;
- Buy timber rights in areas like Port Gravina, Simpson Bay, Sheep Bay, and Rude River;
- Put together a comprehensive deal to purchase all of Eyak's timber rights;
- Support Alaska's commercial fishing and tourism industries;
- Protect Knight Island, Chenega lands, the coastline of Kenai Fords National Park, the river valleys inside the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge, and the spruce forests of Afognak Island.

Please resist the temptation to spend the money on short-term, pork-barrel research and restoration projects. Spending money to study how fish and birds have fared the greatest environmental onslaught of the last decade doesn't make sense when the very habitat they depend on for health and survival is slipping through our fingers.

Let's make sure we get something tangible out of the Exxon disaster and buy land and resources that will be lost to Alaska if you don't act. The people living near the Sound are depending on you.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,



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To EVOS Trustee Council,

I am writing to ask you to

- ① Strengthen the Habitats Protection budget to \$500 million
- ② Slash the budget for "General Restoration" boondoggles.
- ③ Support large acquisitions, not small parcels surrounding clear cuts
- ④ Save areas like Kenai Fjords National Park, Chenege lands, Knight Island, Eyak Lands, Afognak Is., + Kodiak Nat. Wildlife Refuge.

With sincere thanks,

Tammy Moser.

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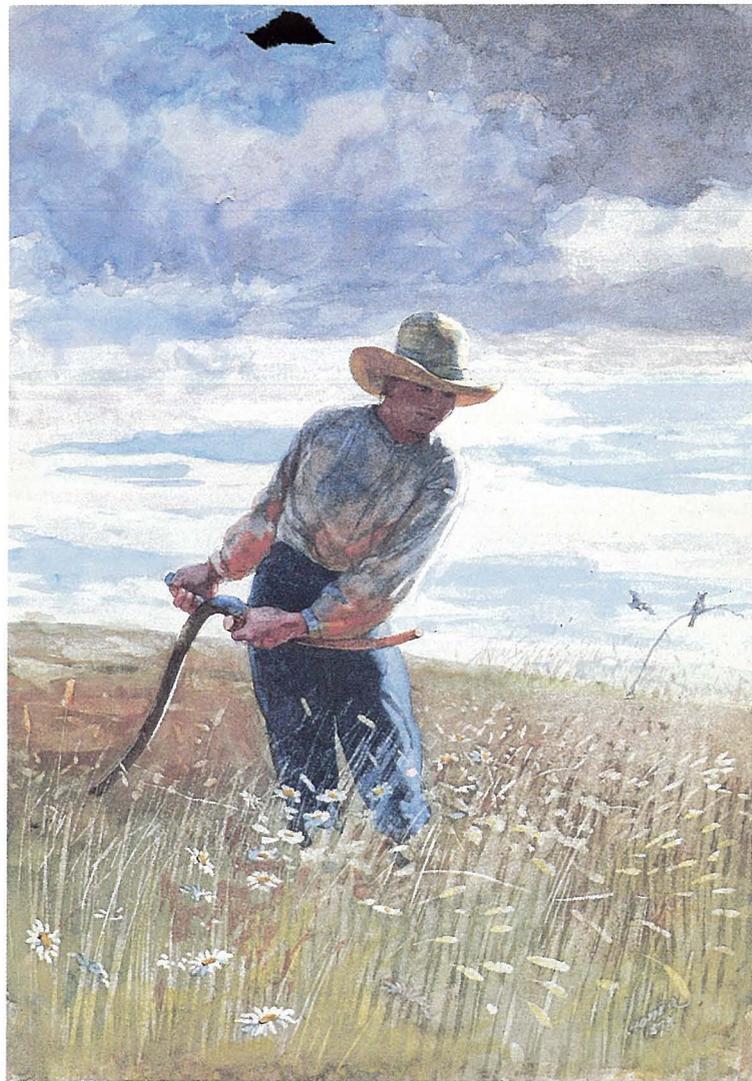
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The Reaper, 1878

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EVOs Trustee Council

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Dear Council Members:

I write to you today with great hope in my heart that you will choose to protect and honor the land and sea that nourishes our bodies and renews our spirits.

The forests of coastal Alaska provide important wildlife habitat providing shelter and keeping stream beds clean and silt free for salmon. They also maintain the balance of O_2 and CO_2 giving us healthy air to breathe while stabilizing climatic conditions!

Let us set an example to the rest of the world and choose to protect our rainforest and wildlife habitat by using a minimum of \$500 million for habitat protection and use those dollars to purchase large acquisitions to truly save ecosystems.

The Kenai Fjords National Park and that entire coast to and including the Chugach Islands

are treasures that I have been fortunate enough to explore by sea and air. The other lands in question I do not know as intimately, but I do know them to be beautiful and precious as well.

Please act to save these lands from questionable logging practices. Protect them so that they may continue to sustain and heal those of us in the coastal communities wounded by that terrible disaster in March of 1989. Help Alaska to be a land that has learned from these/our mistakes.

Sincerely,

Gail Parsons

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cc. Governor Hibel

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EVOS TRUSTEE COUNCIL

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DEAR COUNCIL MEMBERS:

AS A FISHERMAN, CHARTER BOAT CAPTAIN AND NATIVE ALASKAN I ASK YOU TO SAVE THE HABITAT THAT SUSTAINS MY LIFE AND THE LIVES OF MY FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

PLEASE STRENGTHEN THE HABITAT PROTECTION BUDGET TO A MINIMUM OF \$750 MILLION. PURCHASE LARGE TRACTS, ACQUISITIONS THAT WILL TRULY BE EFFECTIVE IN SUSTAINING ECOSYSTEMS.

I HAVE SEEN THE DAMAGE CLEARCUTTING CAN DO TO STREAM BEDS. THE OIL WAS ENOUGH. LET US NOW ACT TO PROTECT THESE MAGNIFICENT LANDS AND WATERS.

YOURS TRULY



MICHAEL SWAN

cc. Governor Hickel