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Representative David Finkelstein

August 1, 1994

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustees Council
Attn: DEIS Comments
645 G Street
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Trustees Council:

I am writing to urge the Trustees Council to dedicate a large portion of the Exxon settlement funds to habitat acquisition. Acquisition of habitat is the most efficient and effective method of long-term restoration of wildlife population and wilderness values.

The Trustees Council, in its draft plan, has proposed to dedicate a third of the settlement monies towards habitat protection. I strongly feel that this amount should be increased to at least half of the total. The best use of these funds would be acquisition of large tracts, particularly large in-holdings of Native corporations in the areas of Kenai Fjords National Park, Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge, Knight Island, Afognak Island, and Chenega and Eyak lands. I am particularly familiar with the Native lands in Prince William Sound, which cover a large portion of the Sound's coast.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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David Finkelstein

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**COMMENTS ON THE DEIS ON THE EXXON VALDEZ
OIL SPILL RESTORATION PLAN**

In the wake of the tragedy of the Exxon Valdez oil spill, it is important that the measure of restitution which Exxon is paying be used to provide long term protection of the natural resources that were damaged by the oil spill. The best way to protect these natural resources are to purchase them and set them aside for future generation.

Habitat Protection and Acquisition should be the top priority for funding. Lands should be purchased in the following prioritized order:

- 1) Purchase inholdings within current public lands.
- 2) Purchase sensitive areas which are important habitat for federally endangered or threatened species.
- 3) Purchase lands adjacent to existing public lands.
- 4) Lands which are visually or geologically scenic, or attractive for public use.

All land purchases should be on a large scale with attempts made to purchase entire ecosystems and watersheds, rather than small parcels. Management of the purchased units should protect the land while making it available to the public for use. Timber harvest and mineral extraction should not be allowed. Specific areas that should be increased in size and level of protection include the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge, Afognak Island (including the National Wildlife Refuge unit there), Kenai Fjords National Park, Knight Island, Chenaga lands and Eyak lands.

A distant second in spending levels should be Monitoring and Research. While this is an important area, it can only tell us the damage that has already occurred. With these funds, it is important to make changes to improve the natural resources. Studying them will not implement those changes.

Third in spending importance is General Restoration. Generally, the only restoration now possible is to stand back and let nature repair the damage. What restoration work that is

attempted should have as its goal to reduce the impacts of humans on the natural environment.

Public Information and Administration costs should be minimized. Five percent of the full amount of the settlement amounts to \$ 50,000,000., or 5 million per year for 10 years. This is too high and should be further reduced.

Thanks you for the opportunity to comment on the draft Environmental Impact Statement. Please keep me informed on the progress of this issue and notify me of the final EIS when it is available..

Sincerely,

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Troy Gordon



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July 28, 1994

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council
645 G Street
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Dear Council:

I am urging you to use the settlement funds to acquire private lands within Chugach National Forest, Kenai Fjords National Park, Afognak Island and Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge. It is a unique opportunity to use the funds acquired by a negative event to affect a positive outcome.

I have considered on many occasions seeing Alaska in all its beauty and splendor. I have refused the urge thus far in a last-ditch effort to foil Wally and his politics regarding the environment. His wolf policy, his oil drilling and exploration interests, his wetlands policies, and the list goes on have made me committed to preserving what can be saved in beautiful Alaska. Please use the settlement funds for our future.

Sincerely,



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RESPECT FOR ELDERS. In traditional American Indian culture, the elderly are the most important and most respected members of society. The tribal elders are considered, because of their experience, the most important teachers of all.

Dear Trustee Council,

You've had control over hundreds of millions of dollars which, if properly applied, can facilitate the conservation of much of the biome severely damaged by the Exxon Valdez spill. I urge you to use the settlement funds to acquire the private lands within Chugach National Forest, Denali Fjords National Park, Afognak

This is just one of the many beliefs that are kept alive by the 26 tribal colleges. Help save a culture that could save ours. Support the American Indian College Fund. Send donations to the American Indian College Fund, 217 East 85th St., Suite 201P, NY, NY 10028.

Island and Kodiak Nat. Wildlife Refuge. Sincerely, Theodore D. Dodge 12822 NE



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July 30, 1994

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council
Attention: DEIS Comments
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Ladies & Gentlemen:

As a two-time visitor to Alaska and very interested citizen, I urge you to use Exxon settlement funds to buy and protect critical wildlife habitat areas throughout Alaska. To me, it is quite clear that the best way to ensure thoughtful and efficient wildlife management is to provide that wildlife with "a place to live." Indeed, I do not believe there is any effective substitute for this. You have the opportunity to do just that. I sincerely hope you will!

Sincerely,


Carleton Schaller Jr.



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Gentlemen:

I would like to comment regarding the Trustee's Restoration Plan Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Please reduce the allocations for "General Restoration" and "Monitoring and Research" / "Restoration Reserve" (budgeted \$65-\$100 million and \$200-\$300 million respectively). Over \$100 million has already been spent on scientific studies and natural restoration is slowly taking place. Further, fish hatcheries and mariculture developments bring their own set of problems to PWS. Instead, please use this money to purchase habitat. Habitat protection, and in particular, protection from clear-cutting and other development, provides the best opportunity for recovery of many wildlife species injured in the oil spill. Such species, including bald eagles, marbled murrelets, wild salmon, harlequin ducks, oyster-catchers, sea otters, shellfish and other wildlife species depend for their existence on the forests, streams and estuaries of the Sound.

Since only \$50 million has been spent for habitat (Kachemak Bay State Park and Seal Bay) of \$280 million in settlement money collected to date I urge you to budget at least \$550 million of the

remaining settlement money for habitat protection. If so, then \$600 million of the \$900 million total will have been used to protect habitat. To allocate two-thirds of the settlement money for this purpose seems reasonable given the charge to the Trustees to restore wildlife populations, wilderness values and injured resources.

I, my family and friends have kayaked western Prince William Sound almost every year since 1980. Four of us were on the Sound during July, 1994. We have, through the years, traversed the whole of the coastline from Icy Bay and Whale Bay, Dangerous Passage, Cherega and Knight Islands, Jackpot Bay, Point Nowell, Eskamy Bay and Crafton Island. Having been there both before and after the spill has made clear the relationship between wildlife and habitat.

Sincerely,

Dean Webb PhD

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cc: Governor Walter J. Hickel

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MRS. DIANE PORTER GIBBINS

701 Fieldston

Bellingham, WA. 98225 17 Aug. 1994

Re: Use of Settlement Funds

Sir:

I urge the trustees to use all of the settlement funds to acquire the private lands within:

- 1) Chugach National Forest
- 2) Kenai Fjords N. Park
- 3) Afognak Island
- 4) Rodden National Wild life Refuges

Sincerely,

Diane Porter Gibbins
Senior Citizen

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To Whom It may Concern,

At last things are beginning to recover from the major oil spill in March of 1989. Hopefully this will continue to progress. The issue I'm addressing today is to your trustees. I'm urging them to use all of the settlements funds to acquire the private lands within Chugach National Forest, Kenai Fjords National Park, Afognak Island, and Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge. This plan is only for the best. Thanks for your time!

Sincerely,

Allison Wilkey

P.S. please
 send response
 concerning this issue.



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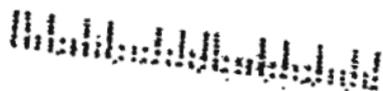


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July 30, 1994

EVOS Trustee Council
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Dear EVOS Trustee Council:

Re: Restoration Plan Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) Comments

I urge you to use the Exxon Valdez settlement funds to purchase significant wildlife habitat lands to assist the restoration of wildlife populations injured by the oil spill. In this regard, I urge you to increase the Habitat Protection budget in the Restoration Plan to at least \$500 million.

To fund that increase, I urge you to slash the budget for General Restoration projects. This money should be spent in the most effective and efficient way possible--purchasing lands that will provide protected habitat for the wildlife affected by the spill. The areas impacted by the Exxon Valdez oil spill does not need more research--it needs protection from development and exploitation.

I urge the Trustees to protect large areas in Kenai Fjords National Park, Chenega Islands, Knight Island., Eyak lands, Afognak Island, and Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge. I am a former eleven year resident of Alaska, was living in the state during the oil spill and the attempted clean up. I have visited many of these areas. The use of the settlement monies to purchase owner-willing inholdings in the ANILCA lands should be the highest priority.

Thank you for consideration of my views. I hope that you will act in the best interests of the environment and make habitat protection & acquisition a top priority.

Sincerely,



Chuck Lennox

cc: Governor Walter J. Hickel

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Sirs:

I am happy that Exxon's compensation funds are being directed to measure & preserve Alaska's ecological treasures.

However, I hope you will change your present program & strengthen the "Habitat Protection" budget to at least \$500 million and slash the budget for "general restoration".

This is an unparalleled opportunity to acquire large areas, not prairie parcels. I recently returned from an Alaska trip. Please direct these funds to ^{entirely} save Kenai Fjords National Park, Chenauga Lands, Kodiak Nat. Wildlife Refuge & other large unspoiled areas. These precious natural treasures will thus be protected for the enjoyment of our children and children's children & to create safe refuge for Alaska's ~~so~~ spectacular wildlife. Giving priority to saving these large areas will do much to improve Exxon's reputation & cause some good to come out of evil.

Sincerely yours
Jean McArden
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