

**Restoration Planning Working Group**  
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TO: RPWG DATE: May 18, 1993  
FROM: *V.G. for* Veronica Gilbert, Bob Loeffler, Carol Gorbics  
Karen Klinge, Ray Thompson  
RE: Major Revisions to 5/10/93 Version of Draft Restoration Plan

RPWG met to determine the major changes to be made in the Draft Restoration Plan, and the schedule for preparing camera-ready copy by June 7.

Schedule

- 5/18 Submit all marginal comments to the primary author of each chapter. We assume that major changes are adequately reflected in this memo.  
Meet with the Restoration Team to garner their comments on the 5/10 draft.
- 5/19 1:11 p.m., RPWG meets to decide 1) structure of Appendix D, 2) certain structural changes in Chapter II, 3) format of plan, 4) RT comments, and, if time permits, 5) suggestions of technical advisors for analysis of comments.
- 5/20 Distribute revised chapters to RPWG for final review.
- 5/21 10 a.m., meet to discuss any major issues regarding revisions that have been suggested by RPWG or the RT. [This means you have to review revised chapters very quickly.] After the meeting, make final changes in your chapters. Bob and John will read through it one last time; Veronica will convert the files to Word and give them to Deborah Duback for layout. She needs at least two weeks to complete this task.
- 5/26 Assemble all the photos you want reproduced in the draft plan. Keep them to a minimum and submit them as black and white prints. [Veronica will coordinate. Karen will put all the photos she collected for the brochure on the RPWG conference table.] Photos will not be added at the last minute.

Major Changes

Structure: The only structural change we discussed was Appendix D, pp. 5-17, which describe the effectiveness of General Restoration. We discussed the importance of treating General Restoration, Habitat Protection, and Monitoring and Research with the same emphasis. However, some members thought the plan itself should link options to alternatives. Consequently, we recommend three options for further discussion at our meeting on 5/19:

- 1) No change. Use the 5/10 version that discusses all details pertaining to all three categories of restoration activities in appendices.
- 2) Move Appendix C (Habitat Protection), pp. 5-18 of Appendix D (General Restoration, and Appendix E (Monitoring and Research into the main body of the plan as new chapters IV, V, and VI, respectively.
- 3) Duplicate only the General Restoration tables in Chapter III.

The RPWG members present at Monday's meeting had no strong preference among these options.

"Dear Citizen" Letter: No change

Chapter I: Page I-2. Explain shoreline survey better. Why were only 21.4 miles surveyed in 1992? If a site was not surveyed, does that mean it wasn't oiled? [Veronica]

Fig. I-1. Add beach oiling and EVOS boundaries to oiling map. [Veronica will work with Jess; Bob will obtain data on oiling near Perryville.]

Table I-1. Update table to reflect Seal Bay purchase, contingent on appraisal. [Veronica]

Page I-1. Delete second sentence of Paragraph 4. [Ray--discuss with Bob if you have questions about this.]

Chapter II: No change, but this should be a top priority for review when John and Mark complete it and obtain Bob Spies' concurrence.

Chapter III: Page III-3, ¶ 2. Add to the end of this sentence, "In some cases it may be difficult to tell when recovery has occurred." [Bob]

Page III-4, ¶ 6. Link the discussion of "Priorities" in this section with that in Chapter IV. [Bob]

Page III-9, ¶ 3. Add examples of specific endowments, such as Stewardship endowments (20% of each land purchase for management) or the Sturgulewski research endowment. Also add a brief discussion of options for managing endowments. The big question is whether the Trustees would (or have to) manage it. [Bob]

Page III-17, ¶ 3. Reword last sentence. [Karen]

Chapter IV: Page IV-1, ¶ 4. Express section B. Process in paragraph form. Bob tried this section out on his RT member, who understood it when it as explained to him in a narrative, but reacted negatively to the bullet form. [Bob]

Appendix A: Page A-3. Obtain figures regarding distribution of reimbursement to federal government. [Ray] Update all references to this statistic. [Veronica]

Page A-2. Try to make this table resemble Table I-1 in the text as much as possible. Specific suggestions are to report the 1992 and 1993 Work Plans separately and to report the credit to Exxon last. [Veronica]

Suggestions: 1) Develop an alternative table that includes the items that we think should be considered restoration, and 2) have someone else check the figures. [Veronica]

Appendix B: Page B-3, ¶ 2. Revise section on timber sales to reflect more accurate information about salvage sales on the Kenai Peninsula. [Ray]

Appendix C: Page C-1, ¶ 5 The fourth sentence, "This section outlines the evaluation process used for the imminent threat evaluation," prompted the following suggestion. Carol volunteered to handle this project. Be sure to work with Art, who is the primary author of this appendix.

- 1) Check with HPWG on the status of the comprehensive process.
- 2) If the comprehensive process is developed well enough to describe in the plan, make sure it is accurately reflected in Appendix C. For example, if HPWG has decided to split out anadromous fish, say so. Also, draw a clear distinction between the comprehensive process (to which the plan applies) and the interim protection process (which has been more visible to the public).
- 3) If not, then clearly state the difference between the comprehensive process and the interim protection process; that the interim protection process will be described in this appendix; and that the comprehensive process will build on it and be reported in the final plan.
- 4) Add a section describing Trustee Council actions under the Interim Protection Process.

Appendix D: Page D-2. Collapse list to include only pass/fail criteria that affected outcome. Delete criteria 31, 3, 6, 8, and 10. [Carol]

Page D-3. New language on rate and degree of recovery, but not confidence. [Bob]

Page D-5. Explain localized benefit, explain the table, and reference options. [Bob and Carol]

Page D-28. Drop references to option 10-2. [Carol]

Page D-40. List communities that depend substantially on subsistence. [Carol]

Page D-36. Revise the title of Option 16 to, "Discourage looting and

vandalism through site stewardship and increased law enforcement and agency presence. Revise the text accordingly. [**Sandy**]

Page D-45. Expand Option 24 to reflect public education programs in general, and not just through visitor centers. [**Sandy**]

Page D-46. Make Option 25 more generic. [**Karen**]

Appendix E: Expend on the Research Program. [**John**]

Editorial: The "draft" in Draft Restoration Plan should always be capitalized.  
Page numbers in the main body of the plan are confusing. Either number the pages, tables, and figures consecutively or change chapter numbers to Arabic numerals (e.g., 2-1)

TO: Restoration Team  
FROM: John Strand, Co-Chair  
Bob Loeffler, Co-Chair  
Restoration Planning Work Group  
SUBJECT: Restoration Plan Schedule

DATE: January 12, 1993

By February 20, 1993, the Restoration Planning Work Group intends to complete the following segments (Key Elements) of the Draft Restoration Plan. By March 1 we intend to complete a draft of the Alternatives Information Package (referred to as a brochure in earlier correspondence). These items will serve as the basis of public meetings which we intend to conduct during April 1993. A schedule is attached.

By the end of January we will submit to the Public Participation Work Group a detailed request for assistance in preparing for public meetings.

The following is an abbreviated outline of the Key Elements and Alternatives Information Package. It is an except from the full outline which you have reviewed.

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### KEY ELEMENTS OF THE DRAFT RESTORATION PLAN

- III. Injured Resources and Services **Rabinowitch/Loeffler**
  - A. Background: Guidance, Definitions and Criteria
    - 1. Explanation of settlement guidance for injury
    - 2. Definitions of natural resources and services
    - 3. Definition of injury to natural resources
    - 4. Definition of injury to services
    - 5. The criteria
  - B. Conclusions **Loeffler/Spies/Strand**
    - 1. Marine Mammals
    - 2. Terrestrial Mammals
    - 3. Birds
    - 4. Fish
    - 5. Shellfish (as described above)
    - 6. Intertidal/Subtidal (as described above)
    - 7. Services

#### IV. Restoration Options

##### A. Development of Restoration Options **Klinge/Strand**

1. Definition of restoration options
2. Development of restoration options

##### B. Evaluation Process

1. Settlement Guidance
2. Purpose and use of the criteria

##### C. Application of criteria

1. Development of alternatives

#### V. Restoration Plan Alternatives **Loeffler**

##### A. Definition of an alternative?

1. Description, policies, goals
2. Options
3. How options will change as we get more information

##### B. Why or why not a preferred alternative?

##### C. Overall Management goals (and, if appropriate, objectives) for the Spill Area

##### D. Alternatives **Loeffler/Gorbics/Klinge/Gilbert**

Alternative 1: (title)

1. Theme, including basic goals and objectives of the alternative.
2. Resources Addressed and options proposed that address each resource
3. Services Addressed
4. Monitoring Program
5. Evaluation *of resources*
  - a. Effect on recovery or service (time and extent)
  - b. Ecosystem effects<sup>1</sup>
  - c. Geographic distribution
  - d. Cost
  - e. Certainty of the above factors
  - f. Timing and priority

Alternative 2 (same as above)

Alternative 3 (same as above)

Alternative 4 (same as above)

Alternative 5 (same as above)

1. Monitoring ⇒  
Growth  
2. Area Alt.

Alternative 6: No Action (same as above except for (3))

E. Comparison of alternatives **Rabinowitch/Gilbert**

VI. Implementation Process for Life of the Settlement

B. Funding mechanisms **Brodersen/Loeffler**

1. Current Mechanisms
2. Endowment

Appendices

A. Restoration options **Various authors**

Summary of options and suboptions

B. Habitat Acquisition Process **Weiner/C. Gilbert**

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## **ALTERNATIVES INFORMATION PACKAGE - Loeffler**

The Alternatives Information Package will accompany the Key Elements of the Draft Restoration Plan. The intent is to provide the public with a more reader-friendly summary (4-page newspaper insert) that can be read by those not inclined to read the entire document. The brochure will also be printed in greater numbers to facilitate a wider public distribution than the intended distribution of the Draft Restoration Plan. It also will have a tear-out, pre-addressed detailed comment sheet. The objective is to increase opportunity for public comment.

Public Meetings -- Where & When

I. Introduction

A. Background

1. The spill
2. Activities to date

B. The planning process

C. How you (the public) can be involved

D. Relationship to EIS

- E. What the plan will not do
- F. Summary of Implementation
- II. The Settlements
  - A. Criminal & Civil
  - B. Spending Guidelines
- III. Summary of Injury, Recovery, and What, if anything, can be done to help. For each injured resource and service, a description of injury by the spill, status of recovery, and what techniques are available, if any, to aid recovery, and the effectiveness of those techniques. Land acquisition will be included in this description (as a technique to aid recovery and avoid further degradation).
- IV. Alternatives
  - A. Introduction
    - 1. Options
    - 2. Evaluation, including cost and geographic distribution
  - B. Goals, objectives, and policies common to all alternatives
  - C. Description of alternatives (probably one newspaper page per alternative). One of which will be the no-action alternative; another will be the preferred alternative.
- V. Comparison of alternatives
- VI. Implementation
  - A. Annual Work Plans
    - 1. Implementation document
    - 2. Annual solicitation of ideas
    - 3. Annual public review of draft plans
    - 4. Timing of annual plans
  - B. Operations/Administration
    - 1. Settlement Guidance
    - 2. Organization (including organization) chart
  - C. Funding Mechanisms
    - 1. Current Mechanisms
    - 2. Endowment



## SCHEDULE

01/22/93	Chapter III (Injury) draft due; in-house review <sup>1</sup> begins
01/29/93	Chapter IV (Methodology) and V (Alternatives) due; in-house review begins
02/05/93	Revised drafts of Appendix A (Options) and B (Habitat Protection) due; in-house review begins
02/12/93	Close of In-House Review of <b>Key Elements</b> [Chapters III, IV, and V and Appendices A and B]
02/19/93	Revised draft of <b>Key Elements</b>
02/22/93	Submit <b>Key Elements</b> to editor
02/24/93	Complete draft of <b>Alternatives Information Package</b> (brochure); in-house review begins
03/01/93	Close of in-house review of <b>Alternatives Information Package</b>
03/03/93	Complete revision and submit <b>Alternatives Information Package</b> to editor
03/05/93	Edited drafts of the <b>Key Elements</b> and <b>Alternatives Information Package</b> returned from editor
03/08/93	Revisions completed
03/09/93	Begin preparing camera-ready copy of both documents
03/17/93	Camera-ready copies to the printer
03/24/93	Release both documents to the public
03/25/93	Issue public notice of meetings and begin other preparations for public meetings
April	Public Meetings
05/03/93	Begin drafting Chapters I, II, and VI.D-F.
05/10/93	Complete drafts of Chapters I, II, and VI.D-F.
05/16/93	Trustee Council approves Draft Restoration Plan and DEIS Close of Public Comment Period on <b>Key Elements</b> and <b>Alternatives Information Package</b>
June	Compile comments submitted during April and May
06/07/93	Release <b>DEIS</b> and <b>Draft Restoration Plan</b>

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<sup>1</sup>In-house review of Key Elements and the Alternatives Information Package will consist of a joint review by the RPWG member and RT member of each trustee agency. RPWG would resolve the conflicts and elevate unresolved issues to the RT.

**RESTORATION PLANNING WORK GROUP  
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TO: Restoration Team

DATE: December 4, 1992

FROM: Bob Loeffler  
John Strand  
Restoration Planning Work Group

SUBJECT: Revised Production Schedule for the Restoration Plan

**Current Status.** RPWG's has a draft of:

- Information base (how options affect rate and degree of recovery).
- Alternative Themes (sketch of six alternatives).
- Draft of Option Summaries.

**Before Christmas: Data Gathering.** During peer review sessions in October, the reviewers recommended that RPWG gather additional information before making decisions for the draft plan. RPWG is gathering the information outlined below.

- *Cost information.* More detailed estimates of cost and duration of the options.
- *Options Assessment.* Where possible, quantify experts' judgements of options' effectiveness.
- *Geographic Scope.* Where will the options be applied (PWS, Cook Inlet, Kodiak)?
- *Recreation Key Informant Interviews.* Expand options for recreation, tourism, and wilderness.
- *Rewrite other service options.* (Subsistence, commercial fishing).
- *Endowment.* Calculation of possible endowments.
- *Assessment of Injury.* Chief Scientist is preparing the first draft of the injury assessment.
- *Recompile Database.* Re-assemble database with information gathered before Christmas.

**January: Assemble the Key Elements**

- *Expand Alternatives* to include the new information and greater detail concerning services.
- *Write Key Elements.* (Chapter II (injury); V.C., (funding); Appendix A; Options)
- *Begin Graphics.* Work with graphics artist to begin graphics for draft plan.
- *Begin Public Participation for draft plan.* (LJ and Peg asked for this lead time.)

**JANUARY MILESTONES.** During January:

- RT/TC Review of Expanded Alternatives and Key Elements.
- Give Expanded information & alternatives to EIS Contractor.

**February: Review & the Rest of the Plan**

- Revise Key Elements according to RT/TC/Other Comments
- Write Remainder of the Plan and Brochure.

**FEBRUARY MILESTONES.** At the end of February:

- TC Sign-off on Draft Plan for publisher.
- If TC so desires, they pick a "preferred alternative."

**March: Prepare Draft Plan for publication**

**MARCH MILESTONE.** Draft Plan published March 24, 1993.

**April: Public Meetings.**

CC: RPWG

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 28, 1992

TO: David Gibbons

FROM: John Strand *JS*

RE: Revision of Interim Planning Products

Revisions to the following interim products will be forwarded to the RT by noon on Tuesday September 2nd:

- 1) Issue Statements
- 2) Annotated Outline for Draft Restoration Plan
- 3) Attachment to the Annotated Outline that presents a process path for creation of the Draft Restoration Plan, but also includes an expanded explanation for an alternative. The latter will not be an outline of an alternative in its entirety, but will present how the restoration information will be organized for one injured resource and one service.
- 4) Criteria for Evaluating Restoration Options

cc: RT  
RPWG



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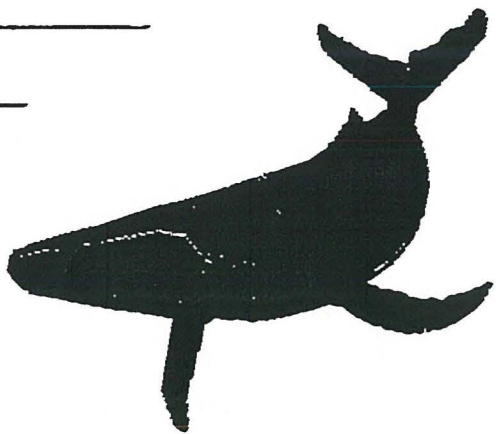
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MEMORANDUM

8 JULY 1992

TO: David Gibbons

FROM:  John Strand

RE: Update of RPWG Timeline for Completion of Issues, Options and Alternatives

Attached for your review and comment is a proposed revision to our internal timeline for completion of restoration issues, options and alternatives. Because of the length of the recently completed exercise to re-evaluate and/or frame additional issues, and the reality that RPWG is not yet fully staffed, we have found it necessary to slip our schedule (see timeline provided RT on June 8th). We now anticipate completion of the draft set of restoration alternatives on August 17th. We originally were to give the RT this interim product on July 21st. While we must also delay providing the TC a draft set of restoration alternatives until September 1st, I don't think this means that the completion date (November 15th) of the Draft Restoration Plan has to be slipped.

Attachment

cc: Byron Morris  
RPWG  
Bob Spies  
Sharon Saari

Attachment

July 10, 1992

**INTERNAL RPWG TIMELINE FOR COMPLETION OF ALTERNATIVES FOR  
DRAFT RESTORATION PLAN AND DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MILESTONE AND/OR ACTIVITY</u>
12 June	RPWG Meeting to review comments on <u>Restoration Framework</u> and to review progress on describing restoration options and suboptions.
15 June	First draft of restoration options and suboptions due. Copies to be forwarded to Jim Slocomb (on disc), Karen Klinge, and individual RPWG reviewers.
23 June	Second draft of restoration options and suboptions due. Karen Klinge to distribute complete set of options and suboptions to RPWG members. Computer database updated by Jim Slocomb. Development of new restoration options and suboptions based on public comment, if necessary.
29 June- 8 July	Review of public comments and formulation of additional issues as necessary.
9-10 July	RPWG Meeting to reconcile remaining comments on descriptions of restoration options and suboptions. Combine, add or delete options. Begin evaluation of options applying criteria from <u>Restoration Framework</u> .
14 July	Draft set of issues forwarded to RT.
15-17 July	RPWG Meeting to continue review and evaluation of options.
21 July	RT comments on list of issues due to RPWG.
21-31 July	RPWG Meeting to formulate broad restoration alternatives.
27 July	Issue statements revised and forwarded to TC.
27 July- 16 September	Revision of options; summary of options for inclusion in <u>Restoration Plan</u> .

14 August TC comments to RT/RPWG on draft list of issues.

17 August Summary evaluation of restoration options and draft restoration alternatives distributed to RT for review and comment.

20-21 August RT/RPWG Meeting to review results of RPWG efforts to evaluate restoration options and to formulate draft restoration alternatives.

21 August Completed final issue package forwarded to TC

24-31 August Revisions to restoration alternatives submitted to RT for final review and comment.

25 August TC approval of issues.

1 September Restoration Alternatives submitted to TC for review and comment.

14 September RPWG meeting to review list of injured resources and services that meet injury criteria; also review summaries of injury to resources and services by broad geographic areas (Bob Spies, peer reviewers).

30 September Completion of list of injured resources and services; completion of summaries of injury to resources and services by broad geographic areas. Copies of both distributed to RT.



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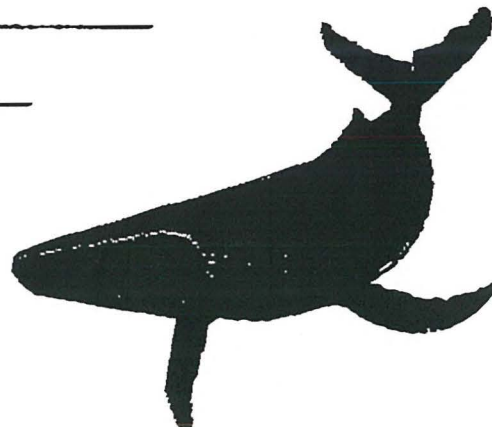
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MEMORANDUM

12 August 1992

TO: David Gibbons

FROM: John Strand

RE: 1) Update of RPWG Timeline for Completion of Alternatives  
2) RPWG Requirements of RT

Thank you for the opportunity to present the RPWG view of how to build alternatives for the Draft Restoration Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement. I think we had a productive meeting.

Attachment 1 for your review and comment is a proposed revision to our internal timeline for completion of alternatives. This timeline also addresses the need to reach closure on the issue statements as well as the annotated outline for the Restoration Plan. Please note that this proposed timeline calls for at least three meetings (19 August, 26 August and 3 September) between RPWG and RT to review various steps in the process to build alternatives. The timeline assumes forwarding to the TC for their review on 14 September a package containing the issue statements, the alternatives and the annotated outline for the Restoration Plan.

As requested, Attachment 2 is a timeline and list of activities and/or deliverables required of the RT. Providing the listed activity or deliverable by the date requested will greatly facilitate RPWG's process.

I am working in Anchorage all this week and would be available to discuss the proposed revision to our timeline at your convenience.

Attachments

cc: RPWG  
Sharon Saari  
Bob Spies

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>MILESTONE AND/OR ACTIVITY</u>
18 August	Write descriptions of options criteria, finish development of rating scheme, and deliver to RT.
19 August	RT/RPWG meeting to review descriptions of criteria and rating scheme.
19-27 August	Evaluation and rank restoration options.
21 August	Write descriptions of themes and options sorting procedures. Deliver to RT. Revise issue statements and annotated outline for Restoration Plan. Deliver to RT.
26 August	RT/RPWG meeting to review themes, sorting procedures, issue statements and annotated outline.
31 August	Write descriptions of alternatives and deliver to RT.
3 September	RT/RPWG meeting to review descriptions of alternatives.
7 September	Prepare revisions (if necessary) to descriptions of alternatives. Deliver to RT.
9 September	Issue statements, descriptions of alternatives, and annotated outline of Restoration Plan due to TC.

**RPWG REQUIREMENTS OF RT**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>REQUIRED ACTION</u>
17 August	Comments due on issue statements and annotated outline of Restoration Plan.
19 August	Approval of criteria and rating scheme to rank restoration options.
26 August	Approval of themes and sorting procedures. Approval of issue statements and annotated outline.
7 September	Approval of alternatives. Approval of tctal package (issues, alternatives, annotated outline) to be forwarded to TC on 9 September.

