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OIL SPILL RESTORATION PLANNING OFFICE

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August 13, 1990

Gary Kompkoff, President
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Sincerely,

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31 August 1990

Sandra Katelnikoff
Administrator
Tatitlek Village IRA Council
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Tatitlek, Alaska 99677

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Dear Ms. Katelnikoff:

Thank you for your letter dated 20 August, inviting two or three representatives of the Restoration Planning Work Group to visit Tatitlek to discuss the oil spill restoration program. We are pleased to accept this invitation, and thank you for your interest in our project. We also have an invitation from Chenega.

What do you think about Wednesday, 19 September, as a possible date? Please let us know if this is a possibility. If it is, we will then try to arrange an air charter and get back to you to reconfirm.

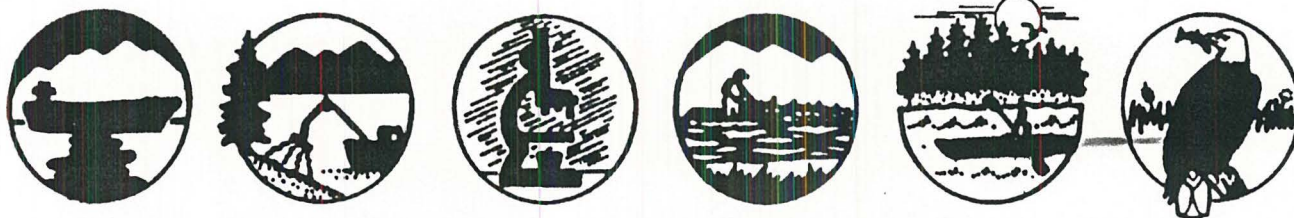
Thanks again for your consideration. We look forward to seeing you in September.

Sincerely,

Stan Senner

Stanley E. Senner
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Manager, ADF&G

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Charles P. Selanoff, Jr.
President
Chenega Bay IRA Council
P.O. Box 79
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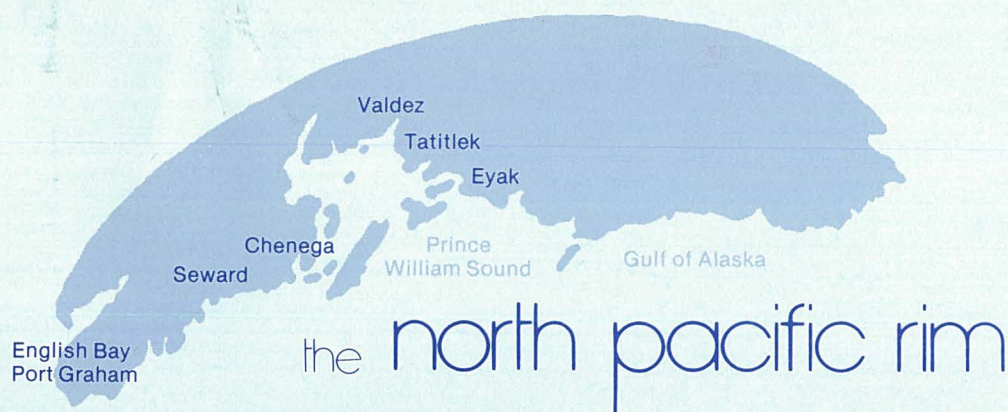
Thank you for your letter dated 22 August, inviting two or three representatives of the Restoration Planning Work Group to visit Chenega Bay to discuss the oil spill restoration program. We are pleased to accept this invitation, and thank you for your interest in our project. We also have an invitation from Tatitlek.

What do you think about Thursday, 20 September, as a possible date? Please let us know if this is a possibility. If it is, we will then try to arrange an air charter and get back to you to reconfirm.

Thanks again for your consideration. We look forward to seeing you in September.

Sincerely,

Stan Senner
Stanley E. Senner
Restoration Program
Manager, ADF&G



September 4, 1990

Stanley Senner
Oil Spill Restoration Planning Office
437 E Street, Suite 301
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Stan:

Thank you for following up on my question about the pink salmon return 17 months after the spill. We are all anxious to see how the spill affected salmon returns though it looks like we will have to wait until next summer to see the impact on both eggs and fry.

I would also like to thank you for attending TNPR's board meeting in Valdez. Your presentation was informative and helpful and I believe that we all have a clearer understanding of the restoration process as a result of your input. Please keep me informed as to the schedule for village visits. We will be happy to help in any way that we can.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Rolland,
Executive Director



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WHAT IS RESTORATION?

A broad variety of environmental restoration projects and activities may be appropriate following the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill. Under Federal law, funds available for environmental restoration are to be used to restore, replace, or acquire the equivalent of injured natural resources.

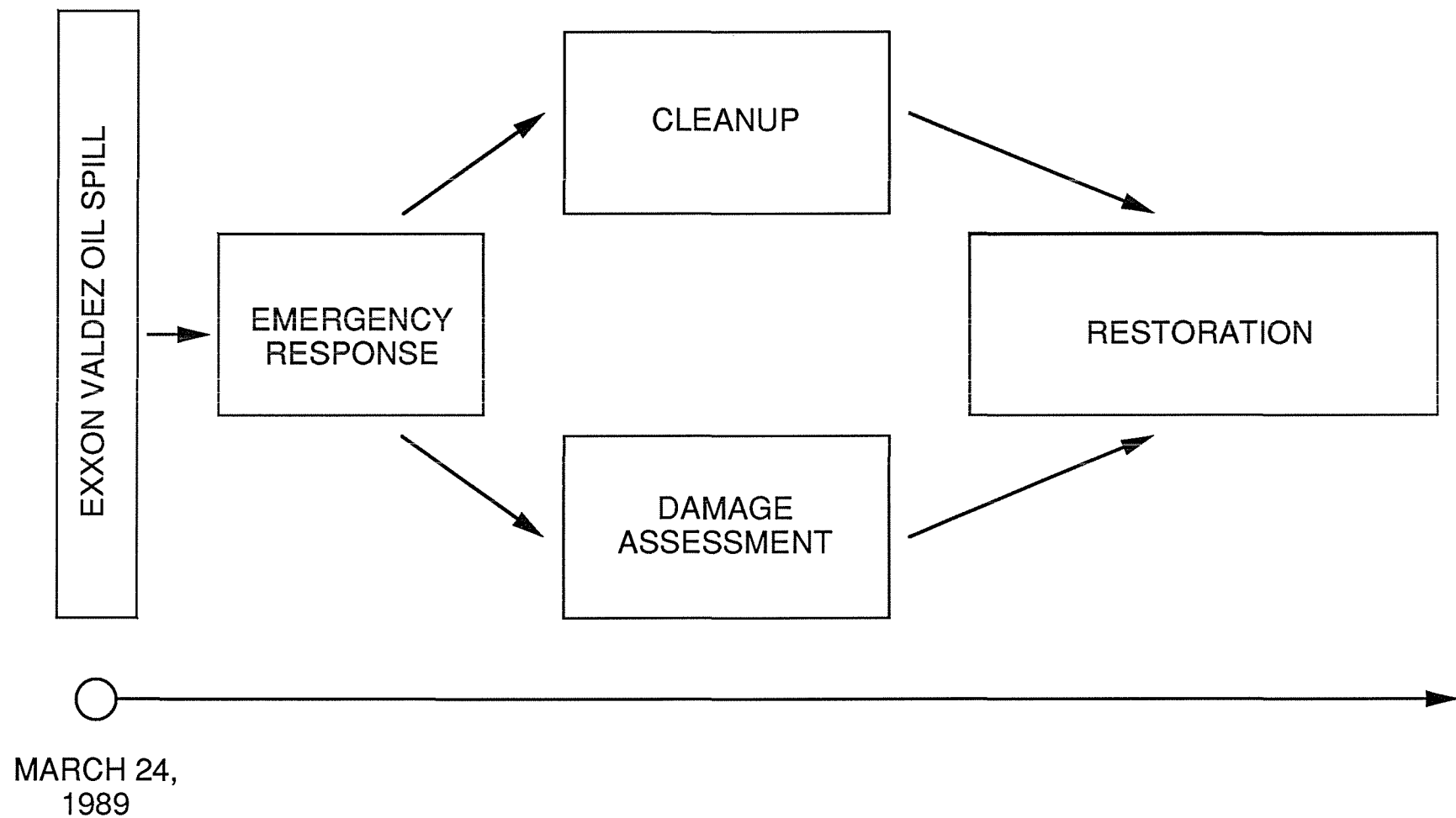
Natural resources include land and water, vegetation, fish, wildlife, and other biota. Such cultural resources as historical and archaeological sites also may be considered for purposes of the restoration program. Human uses of the natural environment include recreation and subsistence activities, and these services too are appropriate subjects for restoration activities.

"Restoration" includes direct attempts to return an injured resource to its baseline condition or function. An example would be to rehabilitate an oiled marsh ecosystem by augmenting natural plant and animal populations (after removal of the oil).

"Replacement" includes substitution of a new resource for an injured resource. An example is to use hatchery or aquaculture techniques to establish an entirely new fishery stock in lieu of one that had been severely damaged.

"Acquisition of equivalent resources" means to purchase or otherwise protect other resources that are similar or related to the injured resource in terms of ecological value, functions, or services provided. For example, one could purchase undamaged and unprotected wildlife habitats as alternatives to direct restoration of injured habitats. Equivalent resources need not be confined to the direct spill area.

THE *EXXON VALDEZ* OIL SPILL RESPONSE PROCESS



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Department of Fish and Game

Department of Environmental Conservation

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Environmental Protection Agency

Department of Agriculture

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Department of Interior

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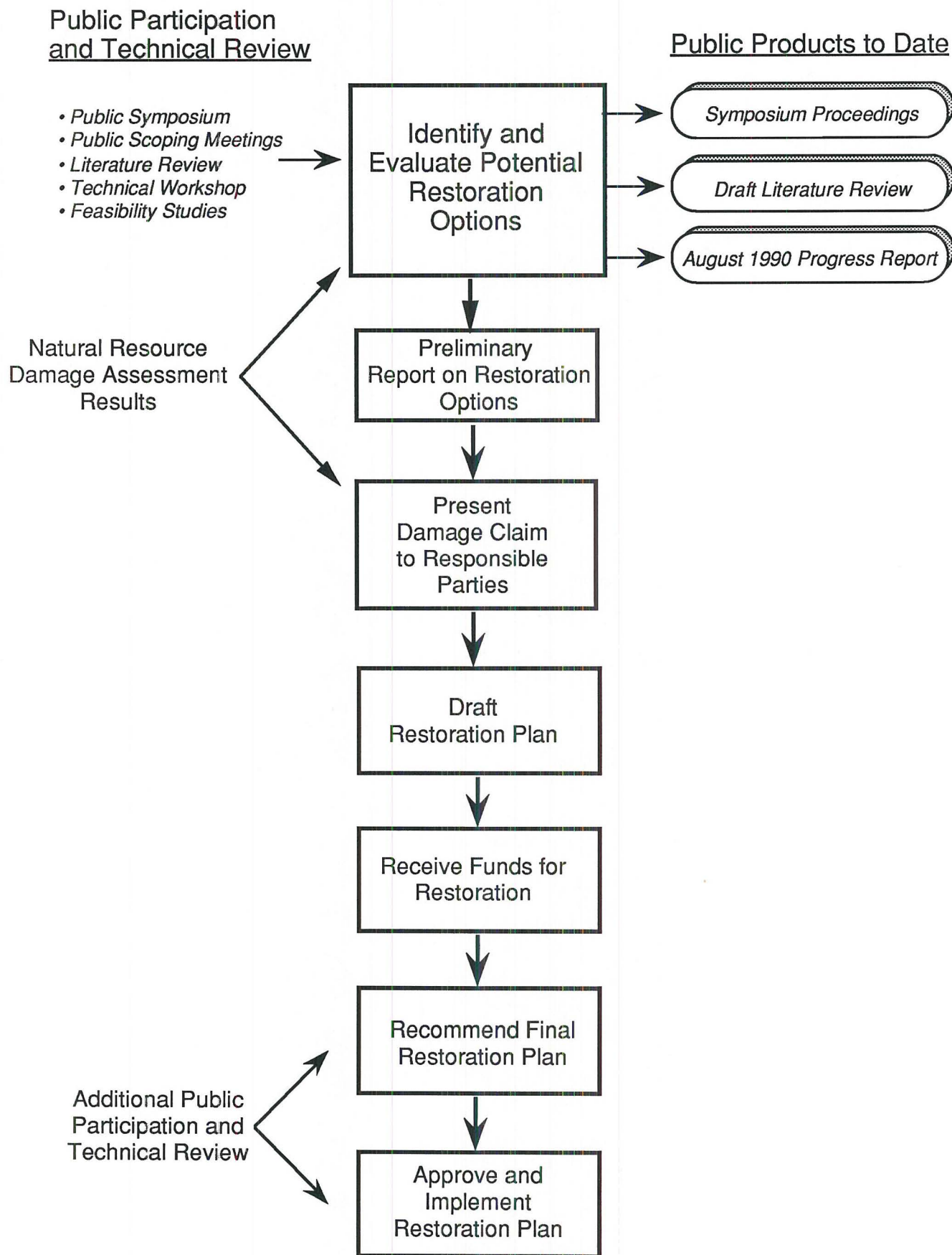
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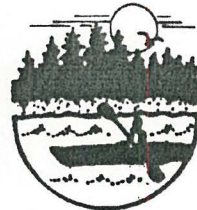
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27 August 1990

Richard Rolland, Director
The North Pacific Rim
3300 "C" Street
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Dear Dick:

This is to follow up your question about pink salmon and the oil spill. You asked whether the newspapers were accurate in reporting that pink salmon that left Prince William Sound after the 1989 oil spill could be harvested in the sound in 1990. I discussed this with ADF&G's oil spill fisheries program manager, Chuck Meacham, and have relayed his account below.

The pink salmon caught commercially in 1990 came from eggs hatched in the fall of 1988. The fry spent the 1988-89 winter in the streams/intertidal areas around the sound. The March 1989 oil spill was before the juveniles migrated to the ocean: Thus, some of them were exposed to oil before leaving the sound. In 1990 they are returning as adults. Pink salmon have a relatively compressed life history, so the newspaper accounts were not far off the mark. Please note that the pink salmon cohort that should return in Summer 1991 will be the cohort for which both the eggs and fry were exposed to oil, at least for those salmon originating in oiled streams and intertidal areas.

I hope that this answers your question. I trust that my presentation at the board meeting was helpful, and I will be back in touch about the schedule for village visits.

Sincerely,

Stanley E. Senner
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cc: Chuck Meacham

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Cordova, Alaska 99574

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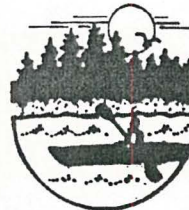
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Peter Nagel, Land Manager
Chugach Alaska Corporation
3000 "A" Street
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

Dear Mr. Nagel:

Following the Restoration Planning Work Group's public scoping meeting in Anchorage late this spring, you mentioned the possibility of bringing to Anchorage representatives of village corporations within the Chugach region to meet work group members and discuss the restoration planning project. We are still interested in this idea and would like to discuss plans and dates for this fall.

You should also be aware that we are working with staff members from North Pacific Rim and the Department of Environmental Conservation's oil spill community liaison program in regard to a possible series of visits to villages within the oil spill area. Our plan is to send a letter to leaders of Village Councils and Native Associations, as appropriate, within the Chugach and Kodiak regions, offering to visit interested villages if invited to do so. We anticipate half-day visits by groups of two or three people with the format of meetings to be determined by the village residents.

We see these village visits as something that complements your suggestion of bringing representatives into Anchorage for a meeting, and we want to be sure you are fully aware of our plans. This is why I have been trying to connect by telephone for the last several days.

Letter to Peter Nagel
9 August 1990
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If you have any comments or suggestions, or wish to discuss plans for a meeting in Anchorage, please do give a call to either Brian Ross (EPA) or me (271-2461).

Sincerely,



Stanley E. Senner
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