

***EVOS Trustee Council Final Report***

Project Number: 02535

Restoration Category: Public Information

Proposer: Restoration Office, *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council

Lead Trustee Agency: Restoration Office (ADFG)

Cooperating Agencies: None

Alaska SeaLife Center: No

Duration: 2nd year of a 2-year project

Cost FY 01: \$69,800

Cost FY 02: \$50,100

Cost FY 03: \$0

Geographic Area:

Injured Resource/Service: All injured resources and services

***ABSTRACT***

This project will provide a final report for the activities of the Trustee Council, starting with the earliest damage assessment efforts and ending with the FY 02 Work Plan and disbursements of the final payment from Exxon. It will also include a complete history of the litigation leading to the civil settlement, which funds the Trustee Council. This project will increase public awareness and understanding of EVOS restoration activities, policies, and procedures. It will provide agencies and groups (facing a similar trustee situation) with a detailed history of the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Restoration process, including highlights and pitfalls, so that others can benefit from lessons learned in the EVOS groundbreaking effort. This published history will include references and an index.

## ***INTRODUCTION***

This project arises from the need to provide a single source documenting 12 years of litigation, damage assessment, and EVOS restoration activities, policies, and procedures. It is appropriate to issue such a final report after the Trustee Council decides on its final work plan (FY 02), all the payments from Exxon are received and disbursed, and long-term programs for monitoring/research and habitat protection are in place. The final report would cover:

Introduction

Chapter One: Litigation and the Settlements

Chapter Two: Damage Assessment

Chapter Three: Early Trustee Council

Chapter Four: Habitat Protection

Chapter Five: Research, Monitoring, and Restoration

- including the Work Plan process

Chapter Six: Restoration Reserve, Investments, GEM, Long-term Habitat Protection

Chapter Seven: Public Advice and Public Information

Appendix 1: The Restoration Plan (abbreviated)

Appendix 2: Recovery Status

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## ***NEED FOR THE PROJECT***

### ***A. Statement of the Problem***

The scope of EVOS litigation and restoration is unprecedented in U.S. environmental history. Although there were laws and regulations in place to guide the process, there was no manual available for a combined federal-state trustee council with such an enormous task ahead of it, guaranteed financial resources available to it, and a varied constituency taking part every step of the way. Much of what the Trustee Council did broke new ground and the entire process needs to be synthesized into a documented, readable history available to the public, government agencies, and any group that might face similar circumstances.

Over the years, the Trustee Council has received dozens of inquiries from other trustee groups and hundreds of inquiries from college students wanting to report on different aspects of the EVOS process. This final report would provide a single referenced source for these needs and others that might arise in the future.

***B. Rationale/Link to Restoration***

This effort provides vital information to the public, government agencies, and private groups concerning processes of litigation, damage assessment, and restoration efforts.

***C. Location***

No field work is planned for this project.

***COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND TRADITIONAL ECOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE***

This project will help document community involvement and TEK efforts, providing an argument for such efforts in future trustee situations.

***PROJECT DESIGN***

***A. Objectives***

Create a book documenting the settlement, damage assessment, and restoration following the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill. The book should be published and available to the public by October 1, 2002.

***B. Methods***

Phase One (FY01) of this project (research and writing) is expected to be completed by September 30, 2001. Phase Two (FY02) of this two-year project will involve 1) gathering photos, graphics, tables, artwork, cartoons, maps and other materials for publishing; 2) working with a publisher to develop a general design concept for the book, 3) creating a digital layout for the book, and 4) editing and rewriting the manuscript as needed based on input from independent reviewers and the publisher.

The final report will be researched, written, and designed by the former communications coordinator for the Trustee Council. To help ensure objectivity an outside publisher will be sought to provide peer-review, editing and design help for the finished product (with financial assistance from the Trustee Council). The University of California Press has expressed interest in publishing the book, subject to approval by the UCPress Editorial Board. If no publisher is willing to take on the project, then the final report will be published by the Trustee Council.

***C. Cooperating Agencies, Contracts, and Other Agency Assistance***  
None

***SCHEDULE***

***A. Measurable Project Tasks for FY 01***

October - December, 2001

- a. Gather photos, graphics, tables, cartoons, maps, and other artwork for inclusion in book
- b. Work with publisher on design and content
- c. Layout book using PageMaker
- d. Edit and rewrite as needed
- e. Provide finished inside pages of the book to editor  
(if published by a university press, then the publisher will design the cover)

January – September 2002

- a. Book is published

***B. Project Milestones and Endpoints***

The final report should be in 2002. Publication date will depend on the schedule of a publisher. The Restoration Office will seek to have the publication available by September 2002.

***C. Completion Date***

September 2002

***PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS***

The final report will be published and an as-yet-undetermined number of copies will be made available to the public, stakeholders, PIs and agencies.

***PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES***

Participation in professional conferences is not anticipated.

***NORMAL AGENCY MANAGEMENT***

This project would not fall under normal agency management.

***COORDINATION AND INTEGRATION OF RESTORATION EFFORT***

Research for this project is underway in FY 00 with funds from the 00100 budget.

***PROPOSED PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR***

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***PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR***

Joe Hunt has 17 years of experience in Alaska in communications, journalism, public relations, publications, and advertising. He served as communications coordinator of the Trustee Council from 1996-2000. Joe's role will be to conduct all research and interviews, write the final report, work with an outside consultant/editor, rewrite the report (as needed), coordinate activities with the Restoration Office and Trustee Council, arrange for photographs and artwork (as needed), and design and publish the final report (or work with a publisher to design and publish the report).

***OTHER KEY PERSONNEL***

None

**FY 02 EXXON VALDEZ TRUSTEE COUNCIL PROJECT BUDGET**

October 1, 2001 - September 30, 2002

<b>Budget Category:</b>	Authorized FY 2001	Proposed FY 2002						
Personnel		\$0.0						
Travel		\$0.0						
Contractual		\$0.0						
Commodities		\$0.0						
Equipment		\$0.0						
Subtotal	\$0.0	\$0.0	<b>LONG RANGE FUNDING REQUIREMENTS</b>					
Indirect			Estimated FY 2003					
Project Total	\$0.0	\$0.0						
Full-time Equivalentents (FTE)		0.0						
Other Resources								
			Dollar amounts are shown in thousands of dollars.					
Comments:								

**FY02**

Prepared:

Project Number:  
 Project Title:  
 Name:

**FY 02 EXXON VALDEZ TRUSTEE COUNCIL PROJECT BUDGET**

October 1, 2001 - September 30, 2002

<b>Personnel Costs:</b>				Months	Monthly	Overtime		
	Name	Position Description		Budgeted	Costs			
	Joe Hunt							
Subtotal				0.0	0.0	0.0		
<b>Personnel Total</b>								
<b>Travel Costs:</b>			Ticket	Round	Total	Daily		
	Description		Price	Trips	Days	Per Diem		
<b>Travel Total</b>								

**FY02**

Project Number:  
 Project Title:  
 Name:

Prepared:

**FY 02 EXXON VALDEZ TRUSTEE COUNCIL PROJECT BUDGET**

October 1, 2001 - September 30, 2002

<b>Contractual Costs:</b>		
Description		
		<b>Contractual Total</b>
<b>Commodities Costs:</b>		
Description		
		<b>Commodities Total</b>

**FY02**

Prepared:

Project Number:  
 Project Title:  
 Name:

**FY 02 EXXON VALDEZ TRUSTEE COUNCIL PROJECT BUDGET**

October 1, 2001 - September 30, 2002

<b>New Equipment Purchases:</b>		Number of Units	Unit Price	
Description				
Those purchases associated with replacement equipment should be indicated by placement of an R.			<b>New Equipment Total</b>	
<b>Existing Equipment Usage:</b>		Number of Units		
Description				

**FY02**

Project Number:  
Project Title:  
Name:

Prepared: