Ms. Laurel Jennings Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council 441 West 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 500 Anchorage, Alaska 99501

RE: Support for Acquisition of Kenai River Property

Dear Ms. Jennings,

The Keen Eye Bird Club would like to encourage the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee to fund the purchase of a 44-acre parcel along the lower Kenai River. This property is located on the south bank of the Kenai at river mile 8.75 and is one of the largest remaining tracts of private land on the Kenai River. The property encompasses approximately ¼ mile of river frontage and a variety of wetland and upland habitats.

The property supports species and services injured by the Exxon Valdez oil spill, including cormorants, harbor seals, Harlequin ducks, and Dolly Varden. The property is immediately adjacent to intertidal habitat on the Kenai River. The intact habitat of the property provides benefits to the significant and growing wildlife viewing users of the Kenai River. The property is ideally suited for inclusion in the Kenai River Special Management Area.

I encourage the Trustee Council to support the purchase of this property.

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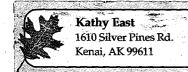
Sincerely,

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