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**EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL
TRUSTEE Council**

Ms. Laurel Jennings
Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council
441 West 5th Avenue, Suite 500
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Members of the Trustee Council,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement on the Trustee Council's Restoration Plan.

We strongly support the continuation of your habitat protection efforts. Preserving the opportunity to select both large and smaller projects remains important as the final funding is utilized.

We believe the benefits both in terms of habitat protection for those species affected by the oil spill, and the associated recreational opportunities such as hunting and fishing in your habitat protection program, will have long-lasting multiple public benefits.

Thanks for accepting the challenge and for the Council's dedication as you have utilized the oil spill funding to achieve some outstanding conservation objectives.

Sincerely,

Jack Blackwell
Vice President, Lands & Conservation