RESOLUTION 02-06 OF THE EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL REGARDING SMALL PARCEL KAP 1087/CHOKWAK

We, the undersigned, duly authorized members of the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council ("Council"), after extensive review and after consideration of the views of the public, find as follows:

1. By resolution adopted at its meeting on January 16, 2001, the Council implemented a small parcel acquisition program through identical grants to The Conservation Fund and The Nature Conservancy (the grant to The Conservation Fund is hereinafter referred to as the "Grant");

2. The Conservation Fund and The Nature Conservancy identified the Chokwak small parcel, KAP 1087 as a small parcel to be considered for acquisition under the Grant and consulted with the Council at its meeting on December 11, 2001 concerning the purchase of the Chokwak parcel;

3. An appraisal of the parcel completed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs of the United States Department of the Interior determined that the fair market value of the parcel is \$160,000;

4. As set forth in Attachment A, Restoration Benefits Report for KAP 1087, if acquired, this small parcel has attributes which will restore, replace, enhance and rehabilitate injured natural resources and the services provided by those natural resources, including important habitat for several species of fish and wildlife for which significant injury resulting from the spill has been documented. Acquisition of this small parcel will assure protection of approximately 160 acres. The parcel includes much of the more level land at the head of the west side of Dog Bay. Along with the other native allotment in Dog Bay it provides the best access to the uplands from anchored boats or floatplanes. The parcel includes a salmon stream, which has silver, chum and pink salmon runs. Further inland, the parcel is characterized by substantial alder patches, high grass and cottonwood. The parcel is important to the sport fishing and tourism industries, both of which were impacted by the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill ("EVOS").

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5. Existing laws and regulations, including but not limited to the Alaska Forest Practices Act, the Alaska Anadromous Fish Protection Act, the Clean Water Act, the Alaska Coastal Management Act, the Bald Eagle Protection Act and the Marine Mammal Protection Act, are intended, under normal circumstances, to protect resources from serious adverse effects from activities on the lands. However, restoration, replacement and enhancement of resources injured by the EVOS present a unique situation. Without passing judgment on the adequacy or inadequacy of existing law and regulations to protect resources, scientists and other resource specialists agree that, in their best professional judgment, protection of habitat in the spill area to levels above and beyond that provided by existing laws and regulations will have a beneficial effect on recovery of injured resources and lost or diminished services provided by these resources;

6. There has been widespread public support for the acquisition of lands within Alaska as well as on a national basis;

7. The purchase of this parcel is an appropriate means to restore a portion of the injured resources and services in the oil spill area. Acquisition of this parcel is consistent with the Final Restoration Plan.

THEREFORE, we resolve to provide funds to the United States Department of Interior for the State of Alaska to acquire all the seller's rights and interests in the small parcel KAP 1087 pursuant to the following conditions:

(a) the amount of Grant funds (hereinafter referred to as the "Purchase Price") to be provided by the Council shall be one hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$160,000) for small parcel KAP 1087;

(b) authorization for funding for the acquisition described in the foregoing paragraph shall
terminate if a purchase agreement is not executed or purchase of the parcel completed by August 30,
2003;

(c) filing by the United States Department of Justice and the Alaska Department of Law of a notice, as required by the Third Amended Order for Deposit and Transfer of Settlement Proceeds, of

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the proposed expenditure with the United States District Court for the District of Alaska and, if necessary, with the Investment Fund established by the Trustee Council within the Alaska Department of Revenue, Division of the Treasury ("Investment Fund") and transfer of the necessary monies from the appropriate account designated by the Executive Director of the Trustee Council ("Executive Director");

(d) a conservation easement on parcel KAP 1087 shall be conveyed to the United States which must be satisfactory in form and substance to the United States and the State of Alaska Department of Law;

(e) no timber harvesting, road development or any alteration of the land will be initiated on the land without the express agreement of the State of Alaska and the United States prior to purchase; and

(f) compliance with the terms and conditions of Paragraph 6.b. of the Grant.

- (i) title search;
- (ii) a determination that the seller is willing and able to convey title in
 - a form satisfactory to the State of Alaska and Bureau of Land Management of the Department of the Interior of the United States;
- (iii) an executed purchase or option agreement and conveyance documents that are ready for execution;
- (iv) hazardous materials survey; andstatement of compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act.
- (vi) statement of compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

It is the intent of the Trustee Council that the above referenced conservation easement will provide that any facilities or other development on the foregoing small parcel shall be of limited impact and in keeping with the goals of restoration, that there shall be no commercial use except as may be consistent with applicable state or federal law and the goals of restoration to prespill conditions of any natural resource injured, lost, or destroyed as a result of the EVOS, and the services provided by that resource or replacement or substitution for the injured, lost or destroyed resources and affected services, as described in the Memorandum of Agreement and Consent Decree between the United States and the State of Alaska entered August 28, 1991 and the Final Restoration Plan as approved by the Council.

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By unanimous consent, following written notice from the Executive Director that the terms and conditions set forth herein have been satisfied, we request the Alaska Department of Law and the Assistant Attorney General of the Environment and Natural Resources Division of the United States Department of Justice to take such steps as may be necessary for withdrawal of the Purchase Price for the above-referenced parcel from the appropriate account designated by the Executive Director.

Such amount represents the only amount due under this resolution to the sellers by the State of Alaska to be funded from the joint settlement funds, and no additional amounts or interest are herein authorized to be paid to the sellers from such joint funds.

Approved by the Council at its meeting of July 9, 2002 held in Anchorage, Alaska, as affirmed by our signatures affixed below:

for DAVE GIBBONS

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Attachment A - Restoration Benefits Report

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