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Re: Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement on Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council's Restoration Plan

Dear Members of the Trustee Council,

This sign-on letter from members of the American Wildlife Conservation Partners urges the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill (EVOS) Trustee Council to continue with your multi-year oil spill restoration plan, especially with regard to the continued conservation of important fish and wildlife habitat.

The record the EVOS Trustee Council in large-scale habitat conservation is remarkable. The approximately 650,000 acres of fish and wildlife habitat the Council has conserved through the purchase of various property rights from willing sellers provides the American people with a lasting legacy as compensation for the tragic 1989 oil spill.

The benefits to oil spill injured fish, birds and mammals whose vital habitats are now conserved through the Trustee Council's decisions will be lasting. The recreational lands, including hunting and fishing areas, now available for public access in the Chugach National Forest, Kenai Fjords National Monument, Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge, Shuyak Island State Park and the creation of Afognak Island State Park are some of the finest in Alaska and the nation.

Congratulations on the historic conservation achievements the EVOS Trustee Council has made to date and please "stay the course" on habitat conservation with the remaining oil spill settlement funds.