



**Kenai  
Area  
Fisherman's  
Coalition**

PROTECTING YOUR FISHING RIGHTS & RESOURCES

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Ms. Laurel Jennings  
Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council  
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Anchorage, Alaska 99501

RE: Support for Acquisition of Kenai River Property

Dear Ms. Jennings,

The Kenai Area Fisherman Coalition is a group of scientists and private anglers whose primary mission is to protect habitat along the Kenai River and to promote sport fishing opportunities for the average fisherman. Our scientists have over 120 combined years of experience on the Kenai River.

We are writing to encourage the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council 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 trout. The property is immediately adjacent to inter-tidal habitat on the Kenai River. The intact habitat of the property provides benefits to the substantial sport and commercial fisheries that are dependent upon the Kenai River. The property is ideally suited for inclusion in the Kenai River Special Management Area.

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

Sincerely,

Dwight Kramer  
KAFC Chairman

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