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Dear Coordinator Jennings,

These are comments for consideration in evaluating the DSEIS for the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

I was a member of the EVOS Public Advisory Group for the first 10 years representing conservation and public interests. I am a retired wildlife biologist. My motion to establish a "restoration reserve", supported by Sharon Gagnon and others, is perhaps responsible for the money that is still on the table.

From the start I advocated establishing endowed academic chairs at U of A for long term research and teaching regarding the injured resources specifically in the fields of marine ornithology, marine mammals, commercial fish, and the marine food chain with focus on oil impacts. This could still be done with about 10 million dollars of the restoration reserve, leaving plenty of money for other things.

Having perpetual university presence will provide continuing benefits to the marine resources through application of new ideas, new technology, and new understanding. This would be a continuing asset for other investigators and a permanent credit to the Trustee Council.

The possibility of endowed chairs at UA was supported by a number of professional organizations meeting in Alaska including The American Ornithological Union, The Wildlife Society, The Pacific Seabird Group and various fisheries organizations.

As you suggest in Chapter 2.5.4 endowments are not considered for legal issues. If the purpose of the EIS is to consider what is best for the damaged resources it seems inappropriate to limit good ideas and proposals for undefined legal reasons.

I suggest your EIS is incomplete without consideration of University attention in perpetuity.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this subject which has absorbed so much of my attention over the years since the oil spill.

Sincerely,

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