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Dear Mr. O'Connor:



The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) received your December 17, 2009, request to participate as a cooperating agency in the preparation of an environmental assessment (EA) regarding the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill (EVOS). I understand that NOAA is preparing the EA for the purpose of determining whether significant environmental impacts could result from narrowing and refining the EVOS restoration activities and to evaluate the applicability of the 1994 Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement to current and future Trustee Council actions.

On behalf of ADF&G, I accept the invitation to participate as a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EA. I also concur with the lead agency and cooperating agency responsibilities identified in your letter.

Thank you for the invitation. If you have any questions, please contact me or Tom Brookover.

Sincerely,



Denby S. Lloyd
Commissioner