



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**National Oceanic and Atmospheric**  
**Administration**  
Office of General Counsel  
7600 Sand Point Way N.E. - Bin C15700  
Seattle, Washington 98115

Wednesday, February 17, 2010

English Bay Corporation  
P.O. Box 8058  
English Bay, AK 99605

Dear English Bay Corporation:

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), as a member of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council (Council), announces the intent of the Council to prepare a supplement to the existing environmental impact statement (EIS) on the Council's restoration efforts, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, (NEPA). This supplemental EIS (SEIS) is necessary to respond to significant new circumstances bearing on the Council's restoration efforts as assessed in the original EIS. Specifically, as the restoration funds remaining from the Exxon Valdez settlement diminish, the Council seeks a more discrete and efficient funding mechanism by which to direct the remaining funds. The SEIS would assess the environmental impacts of the Council's proposal to narrow and refine the scope of the Council's restoration efforts to five defined restoration categories: herring; lingering oil; long-term monitoring of marine conditions; harbor protection and marine restoration; and habitat acquisition and protection. A signed Notice of Intent (NOI), which explains the proposed actions of the Council, is enclosed with this letter.

Public comment on the NOI may be submitted via email to: [dfg.evos.nepacomments@alaska.gov](mailto:dfg.evos.nepacomments@alaska.gov)  
in writing to: Laurel Jennings, Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council, 441 West 5th Avenue, Suite 500,  
Anchorage, AK 99501  
or in person at the following public meetings:





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1. February 16, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Alaska Islands and Oceans Visitor Center, 95 Sterling Highway, Homer, AK 99603
2. February 17, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Dena'ina Civic & Convention Center, 600 West Seventh Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501
3. February 18, 2010 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Cordova Public Library, 622 First Street, Cordova, AK 99574
4. March 16, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the K.M. Rae Building, 125 Third Avenue, Seward, AK 99664
5. March 17, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Valdez City Council Chambers, 206 Pioneer Drive, Valdez, AK 99686
6. March 18, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Kodiak Refuge Visitor Center, 402 Center Street, Kodiak AK 99615.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 206.526.4564 or by email at [Craig.R.O'Connor@noaa.gov](mailto:Craig.R.O'Connor@noaa.gov), comments can also be sent to [Laurel.Jennings@noaa.gov](mailto:Laurel.Jennings@noaa.gov).

Sincerely,

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Special Counsel, NOAA

Enclosure

