

EVOS PAC
Report to Trustee Council
February 28, 2020

Membership

- October 2019 – 7 members appointed to Public Advisory Committee (out of 10 positions)
- 3 vacancies – nominations were solicited

Meeting

- PAC met earlier this week – Tuesday, February 25
 - First meeting for new PAC
 - 6 (out of 7) members participated
 - Quorum
 - Good discussion of agenda items, which mirror TC agenda

Recommendations to TC

- Supported budget amendment to add Seabird Ecologist to Science Panel
- Non-program science projects
 - Agreed with Science Panel's suggestions
 - Passed motion recommending project proposers:
 1. Combine Projects 20200128 & 20200130 into one proposal for next FY
 2. Address remaining comments from Science Panel
- Habitat enhancement projects
 - Recognized the importance of both projects
 - DNR's outreach project
 - Kenai Watershed Forum's Steam Watch Program
 - Passed 2 motions to recommend TC approve funding for both projects
- Invitation – Focus Areas
 - Supported areas and wanted to add to them
 - Passed 2 motions recommending the TC:
 1. Add education and curriculum development component to focus areas
 2. Adopt the other invitation focus areas

PAC statement

- PAC members wanted to express their appreciation for programs funded by the TC and especially the people who work on those programs
- Statement: *The Public Advisory Council recognizes the great efforts of researchers, volunteers, and Trustee Council staff who have positively affected tribes and communities that were impacted by the Exxon Valdez oil spill. Over the years, Trustee Council-funded programs have benefited from lots of good ideas and been improved after some missteps. There has since been a distillation of programs to the essentials, and we now only sample key points and indicators to best serve us over time. Currently, the Gulf Watch, herring, and data management programs are seamlessly integrated, and Alaska's data sets make it one of the most capable regions within the U.S., which is very important for the next 20 years and beyond.*