

**RESOLUTION 20-01 OF THE EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL
REGARDING FY20-21 ANNUAL FUNDING**

INCLUDING THE FY20-21 WORK PLAN OF EVOSTC RESTORATION, RESEARCH, AND MONITORING FOR SEABIRD PROJECTS 20200128, 20200130 AND OUTREACH20180119; AND REALLOCATION OF FUNDS WITHIN THE FY20 EVOSTC ANNUAL BUDGET PROJECT 20200100.

We, the undersigned, duly authorized members of the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council do hereby certify that, in accordance with the Memorandum of Agreement and Consent Decree entered as settlement of *United States of America v. State of Alaska*, No. A91-081 Civil, U.S. District Court for the District of Alaska, and after public meetings, unanimous agreement has been reached to expend funds received in settlement of *State of Alaska v. Exxon Corporation, et al.*, No. A91-083 CIV, and *United States of America v. Exxon Corporation, et al.*, No. A91-082 CIV, U.S. District Court for the District of Alaska. This funding is for necessary natural resource damage assessment and restoration activities as described below.

SECTION I: FY20-21 Work Plan of EVOSTC Restoration, Research, and Monitoring Projects and FY20 EVOSTC Annual Budget

A. FY 20-21 Work Plan: Funding to two Seabird Proposals

The total amount of funding approved in Section I is **\$278,646** and is for Kittlitz's murrelet, Marbled Murrelet, and Pigeon Guillemot in a Changing Northern Gulf of Alaska ecosystem, Project 20200128 and Status and Recovery of Kittlitz's and Marbled Murrelets within an EVOS-Affected area, Kachemak Bay, Project 20200130. This funding is conditioned upon the Proposers integrating the two proposals into one proposal and addressing the EVOSTC Science Panel's and peer reviewers' concerns and comments, as determined by the EVOSTC Science Director, in coordination with the Trustees. The funding is a set amount approved for the first 12 months of the integrated project. The time period funded may span the EVOSTC FY20 or FY21 fiscal years, depending upon when the integrated project is ready to commence.

The lead or managing agency for each project must demonstrate to the Executive Director, where applicable, that requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) are met before any project funds may be expended (with the exception of funds to prepare NEPA documentation); and the Principal Investigators for the project must abide by the Council's policies, including those pertaining to data and reporting.

B. FY20 EVOSTC Annual Budget

The FY20 EVOSTC Annual Budget is revised to reallocate \$7,630 which includes GA, within the current FY20 EVOSTC Annual Budget, Project 202000100, dated September 9, 2019 to add to the contract of new EVOSTC Science Panel member Alan Springer.

SECTION II: HABITAT ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS

A. Funding Authorized in Section II

The total amount of funding approved in Section II is **\$49,050**. This funding must be spent in accordance with the activities, requirements, conditions and information as described in Section II, B.

B. Habitat Enhancement Projects

ADNR Outreach - Project 20180119:

Funding of **\$49,050**, which includes GA, is approved for the ADNR State Parks Outreach project, dated August 16, 2019. This funding approval is authorized until September 1, 2021.

SECTION III: APPROVAL BY COUNCIL

By unanimous consent, we hereby request the Alaska Department of Law and the Assistant Attorney General of the Environment and Natural Resources Division of the United States Department of Justice to take such steps as may be necessary to make available the funding as described in this Resolution.

Attachments:

None.

Approved by the Trustee Council at its meeting of February 28, 2020 held in Anchorage, Alaska
as affirmed by our signatures affixed below.



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