

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES AND TRUST FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Trustee Council Year Ended January 31, 2020



#### Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council

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#### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

*Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council Anchorage, Alaska

I have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the management of *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council (EVOSTC or Trustee Council), solely to assist you in evaluating the sufficiency of policies and procedures established by the Trustee Council over the flow of funds into and out of the Trustee Council's State of Alaska *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Investment Fund (Investment Fund), the *Exxon Valdez* Civil Settlement Account with Natural Resources Damage Assessment and Restoration (NRDA&R) account, and State of Alaska – *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Settlement Trust (Settlement Trust), as well as the process and controls of each of the federal agencies over unspent project funds for proper and timely return to the Trustee Council's NRDA&R account for the Trustee Council year ended January 31, 2020. The management of EVOSTC and the Federal and State of Alaska agencies are responsible for the proper use of funds in accordance with EVOSTC's mission. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the parties specified in this report. Consequently, I make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the purpose.

My procedures and findings with respect to the Investment Fund, NRDA&R, Settlement Trust and EVOSTC Restoration Office are as follows:

#### State of Alaska Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Investment Fund

#### **Procedures**

- 1. I compared expenditures from the Research or Habitat Accounts in the Investment Fund to transfers in for the Settlement Account (State agency transfers) or NRDA&R (federal agency transfers). I performed the following steps for this procedure:
  - a. Obtained each Joint Notice of Expenditure from the Investment Fund (Joint Notice) provided to the United State District Court – District of Alaska through the end of the Trustee Council year ended January 31, 2020 and summarized expenditures by each of the federal and State recipient agencies and for the Habitat and Research Accounts.
  - b. Obtained the meeting notes from the Trustee Council meetings and the approved Annual Funding Overview (AFO) and Annual Budget (AB) for the Trustee Council Fiscal Year and agreed the expenditures reflected in the AFO and AB for Trustee Council activities from the Investment Fund as reflected in the Joint Notices to the Trustee Council approval.
  - c. Obtained and summarized the monthly Schedules of Investment Income (Loss) and Changes in Invested Assets from the Alaska Department of Revenue-Treasury Division for each month during the State Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019 and three months ended September 30, 2019 for each of the Habitat and Research Accounts of the Investment Fund.
  - d. Agreed the summarized Joint Notice approved transfers to the amounts transferred from the Habitat and Research Accounts of the Investment Fund.

#### **Findings**

No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedures, except for the following:

Court Notice number 73, reflected, in part, that \$327,000 for a habitat project of the State of Alaska should have been transferred from the Research Account of the Investment Fund. The funds were instead withdrawn from the Habitat Account. Because the project was a habitat project, it appears the funds were drawn from the correct account, but the language in the Court Notice listing the research account was incorrect. This matter was corrected in Court Notice 77.

#### Natural Resources Damage Assessment and Restoration Fund (NRDA&R)

#### **Procedures**

- 1. I compared disbursements of federal project funding from EVOSTC's NRDA&R account to related Joint Notices, and agreed receipts by NRDAR of any unspent federal agency funds to federal agency reports. I performed the following steps for this procedure:
  - a. Obtained the annual Cash Flow Plan for the Trustee Council's NRDA&R account for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2019 from the Department of the Interior (DOI) and compared these to disbursements to federal agencies as reflected in the Joint Notices for FFY 2019.
  - b. Obtained the transaction detail for FFY 2019 for NRDA&R from the U.S. Department of Interior and agreed the activity reflected in the Cash Flow Plan to the transaction detail for NRDA&R.
  - c. Compared remaining cash balances in the NRDA&R to the reduction in expenditures from the Investment Fund for federal trustee agency projects as reflected in Court Notices.
  - d. Reconciled amounts disbursed from NRDA&R to amounts reported by agencies taking into account the timing and the different reporting mechanisms employed by each of the agencies.
  - e. Obtained summary project tracking schedules and accounting reports from each of the federal trustee agencies and agreed the schedules to the accounting reports.
  - f. Recalculated the amounts reflected in the project tracking schedules for return to the Trustee Council's NRDA&R account.
  - g. Obtained documentation from each federal trustee agency supporting the initiation of the return of unspent project funds to the Trustee Council's NRDA&R account.

#### **Findings**

No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedures. The status of each federal agencies' projects are as follows:

#### United States Geological Survey (USGS)

During FFY 2019, USGS returned \$6,550 to NRDAR in unused project funds that it had identified in the prior year. This represented all project funds identified for return to date. In FFY 2019, USGS participated in five projects and received AB support. Subsequent to the end of the fiscal year, USGS reported that it fully used its project funding and that it had unused AB support from FFY 19 of \$3,680. This amount will be returned in FFY 2020.

#### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

In FFY 2019, NOAA participated in several projects and received AB support. During FFY 2019, NOAA returned \$37,504 to NRDAR in unused project funds that it had identified in the prior year. This return resulted in all unused amounts from for all prior fiscal years. After the end of FFY 2019, NOAA identified \$5,611 in unspent project funds from FFY 2019 for which it initiated return in FFY 2020.

#### United States Forest Service (USFS)

As of the beginning of fiscal year 2019, USFS had either fully expended or returned all project funding for FY 2018 and earlier years. In FFY 2019, USFS participated in one project and received AB support. Subsequent to the end of the fiscal year, USFS reported that it fully used all funding amounts.

#### United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)

During FFY 2019, USFWS returned \$407,425 to NRDAR in unused project funds that it had identified in prior year. This represented all project funds identified for return to date. In FFY 2019, USFWS had one long-term and four annual restoration and habitat projects and received AB funding. Four of the Agency's projects were closed during FFY 2019, and it reported subsequent to the end of the fiscal year that it would return \$37,297 in unused project funding. The continuing and annual projects and the AB support were reported as fully obligated.

#### National Park Service (NPS)

As of the beginning of FFY 2019, all agency funding had been either returned or fully expended for FFY 2018 and earlier years. During FFY 2019 the agency received and fully expended all project funds under a single project managed by USGS.

#### State of Alaska Settlement Trust

#### **Procedures**

- 1. I agreed remaining fund balances in the State Settlement Trust to reductions in expenditures from the Investment Fund for State trustee agency projects. I performed the following steps for this procedure:
  - a. Obtained the State of Alaska, Department of Fish and Game's fund balance schedule for the State Settlement Trust and the supporting accounting reports from the State of Alaska accounting system.
  - b. Agreed the amounts reflected as available cash balances in the State Settlement Trust to the related accounting records.
  - c. Recalculated the obligations for active projects and recalculated the estimated amounts available to reduce expenditures from the Investment Fund for State trustee agency projects.
  - d. Agreed the amount available to reduce expenditures from the Investment Fund to respective Court Notices.

#### **Findings**

No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedures.

#### **EVOSTC Restoration Office**

#### **Procedures**

- 1. I compared amounts approved by the Trustee Council for the AB to actual expenditures for the year. I performed the following steps for this procedure:
  - a. Obtained the EVOSTC Executive Offices Expenditure Matrix for the year ended January 31, 2020, which tracks the approved AB against actual expenditures, and compared the budgeted amounts reflected in the Expenditure Matrix to the budget approved by the Trustee Council, and compared actual expenditures for the current year to expenditures of the prior year.
  - b. Compared actual amounts to State of Alaska accounting records.

- c. Inquired of the EVOSTC Administrative Manager regarding variances of actual amounts for the current year to actual amounts of the prior year and of the budget.
- 2. I inquired of the EVOCTC Administrative Manager about procedures used to monitor the timely return of unspent federal agency project amounts to the Exxon Valdez Civil Settlement Account with NRDA&R.

#### **Findings**

No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedures.

I was engaged by the State of Alaska, Department of Fish and Game on behalf of the EVOSTC's management to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted my engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the AICPA. I was not engaged to and did not conduct an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on established policies and procedures over the use of EVOSTC funding. Accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. Had I performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to my attention that would have been reported to you.

I am required to be independent of the EVOSTC and to meet my other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the management of the Trustee Council and the Federal and State of Alaska liaison agencies and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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July 20, 2020



#### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT

*Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council Anchorage, Alaska

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial statements of the State of Alaska *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Investment Fund (Investment Fund) as of and for the years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018, as listed in the table of contents, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. I have performed compilation engagements in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. I did not audit or review the financial statements nor was I required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or the completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on these financial statements.

Management has elected to omit substantially all of the disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. If the omitted disclosures were included in the financial statements, they might influence the user's conclusions about the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council's financial position, results of operations, and cash flows. Accordingly, the financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

The accompanying financial statements of the Investment Fund present only the Investment Fund and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the State of Alaska or any of its component units as of June 30, 2019 and 2018, and the changes in its financial position, or, where applicable, its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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July 20, 2020

STATE OF ALASKA - *EXXON VALDEZ* OIL SPILL INVESTMENT FUND (An Agency Fund of the State of Alaska)

#### STATEMENTS OF FIDUCIARY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As of June 30, 2019 and 2018

				2018						
	Research		Habitat	Total		Research		Habitat		Total
ASSETS Cash and Investments	\$ 103,872,724	\$	85,222,164	\$ 189,094,888	\$	101,715,706	\$	91,127,144	\$	192,842,850
Total Assets	\$ 103,872,724	\$	85,222,164	\$ 189,094,888	\$	101,715,706	\$	91,127,144	\$	192,842,850
LIABILITIES										
Accounts Payable Assets Held in Custody	\$ 26,249	\$	23,516	\$ 49,765	\$	18,239	\$	18,924	\$	37,163
by the State of Alaska	103,846,475		85,198,648	189,045,123		101,697,467		91,108,220		192,805,687
Total Liabilities	\$ 103,872,724	\$	85,222,164	\$ 189,094,888	\$	101,715,706	\$	91,127,144	\$	192,842,850

STATE OF ALASKA - *EXXON VALDEZ* OIL SPILL INVESTMENT FUND (An Agency Fund of the State of Alaska)

#### STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

For the Years Ended June 30, 2019 and 2018

		2019			2018	
	Research	Habitat	Total	Research	Habitat	Total
ASSETS Investments, Beginning of Year	\$ 101,715,706	\$ 91,127,144	\$ 192,842,850	\$ 98,348,333	\$ 102,049,306	\$ 200,397,639
Additions: Interest and Investment Income	6,821,567	5,638,257	12,459,824	8,112,152	8,076,438	16,188,590
Deductions:						
State of Alaska, Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Settlement Trust	-	6,942,446	6,942,446	154,882	16,684,141	16,839,023
Investment Management Fees United States Department of the Interior, Natural Resources Damage	26,249	23,516	49,765	18,239	18,924	37,163
Assessment and Restoration Fund	4,638,300	4,577,275	9,215,575	4,571,658	2,295,535	6,867,193
Total Deductions	4,664,549	11,543,237	16,207,786	4,744,779	18,998,600	23,743,379
Investments, End of Year	\$ 103,872,724	\$ 85,222,164	\$ 189,094,888	\$ 101,715,706	\$ 91,127,144	\$ 192,842,850
LIABILITIES						
Accounts Payable, Beginning of Year	\$ 18,239	\$ 18,924	\$ 37,163	\$ 48,937	\$ 53,322	\$ 102,259
Additions	26,249	23,516	49,765	18,239	18,924	\$ 37,163
Deductions	18,239	18,924	37,163	48,937	53,322	102,259
Accounts Payable, End of Year	26,249	23,516	49,765	18,239	18,924	37,163
Assets Held in Custody						
by the State of Alaska, Beginning of Year	101,697,467	91,108,220	192,805,687	98,299,396	101,995,984	200,295,380
Additions	6,795,318	5,614,741	12,410,059	8,093,913	8,057,514	16,151,427
Deductions	4,646,310	11,524,313	16,170,623	4,695,842	18,945,278	23,641,120
Assets Held in Custody	102 046 475	05 100 640	100 045 122	101 007 407	01 100 220	102 005 007
by the State of Alaska, End of Year	 103,846,475	85,198,648	189,045,123	101,697,467	91,108,220	192,805,687
Liabilities, End of Year	\$ 103,872,724	\$ 85,222,164	\$ 189,094,888	\$ 101,715,706	\$ 91,127,144	\$ 192,842,850



#### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT

*Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council Anchorage, Alaska

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial statements of the United States Department of the Interior, Natural Resources Damage Assessment and Restoration Fund (NRDA&R) – cash basis – as of and for the years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, as listed in the table of contents. Management is also responsible for determining that the cash-basis of accounting is an acceptable financial reporting framework. I have performed compilation engagements in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. I did not audit or review the financial statements nor was I required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or the completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on these financial statements.

Management has elected to omit substantially all of the disclosures ordinarily included in financial statements prepared in accordance with the cash basis of accounting. If the omitted disclosures were included in the financial statements, they might influence the user's conclusions about the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council's financial position, results of operations, and cash flows. Accordingly, the financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

The accompanying financial statements of NRDA&R present only the amounts related to the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of NRDA&R or the U.S. Department of the Interior as of September 30, 2019 and 2018, and the results of their operations for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The NRDA&R financial statements are prepared in accordance with the cashbasis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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July 20, 2020

# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, NATURAL RESOURCES DAMAGE ASSESSMENT AND RESTORATION FUND

### STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND TRUST FUND BALANCE ARISING FROM CASH TRANSACTIONS - CASH BASIS

As of September 30, 2019 and 2018

	2019	2018			
ASSETS					
Cash and Investments	\$ 1,583,612	\$	56,323		
Total Assets	\$ 1,583,612	\$	56,323		
LIABILITIES AND TRUST FUND BALANCE					
Trust Fund Balance	\$ 1,583,612	\$	56,323		
Total Liabilities and Trust Fund Balance	\$ 1,583,612	\$	56,323		

### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, NATURAL RESOURCES DAMAGE ASSESSMENT AND RESTORATION FUND

### STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN TRUST FUND BALANCE - CASH BASIS

For the Years Ended September 30, 2019 and 2018

	2019	2018
RECEIPTS		
Contributions:		
Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Investment Fund		
Nine months ended June 30	\$ 9,215,575	\$ 6,867,193
Three months ended September 30	981,000	-
Total Contributions	10,196,575	6,867,193
Unobligated Balances Returned to NRDA&R:		
U.S. Department of Commerce,		
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	37,504	-
U.S. Department of the Interior,		
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	407,425	3,490
U.S. Geological Survey	6,550	26,383
Investment Income	14,810	3,597
Total Receipts	10,662,864	6,900,663
Disbursements		
U.S. Department of the Interior,		
Bureau of Land Management	10,900	10,900
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	4,158,024	2,501,236
U.S. Geological Survey	1,466,950	1,339,164
National Park Service	50,100	57,770
Office of the Secretary	35,425	32,700
U.S. Department of Agriculture,		
U.S. Forest Service	137,337	23,434
U.S. Department of Commerce,		
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	3,276,839	3,266,993
Total Disbursements	9,135,575	7,232,197
Excess of Receipts Over Disbursements	1,527,289	(331,534)
Trust Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	56,323	387,857
Trust Fund Balance, End of Year	\$ 1,583,612	\$ 56,323



#### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT

*Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council Anchorage, Alaska

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial statements of the State of Alaska Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Settlement Trust (Settlement Trust) as of and for the years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018, as listed in the table of contents, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. I have performed compilation engagements in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. I did not audit or review the financial statements nor was I required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or the completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on these financial statements.

Management has elected to omit substantially all of the disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. If the omitted disclosures were included in the financial statements, they might influence the user's conclusions about the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council's financial position, results of operations, and cash flows. Accordingly, the financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

The accompanying financial statements of the Settlement Trust present only the Settlement Trust and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the State of Alaska or any of its component units as of June 30, 2019 and 2018, and the changes in its financial position, or, where applicable, its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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July 20, 2020

STATE OF ALASKA - *EXXON VALDEZ* OIL SPILL SETTLEMENT TRUST (A Special Revenue Fund of the State of Alaska)

BALANCE SHEETS

As of June 30, 2019 and 2018

	2019 2018		
ASSETS			
Cash and Investments	\$ 12,219,711	\$	12,096,571
Total Assets	\$ 12,219,711	\$	12,096,571
LIABILITIES			
Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	\$ 119,156	\$	167,443
Due to State of Alaska General Fund	12,307		7,976
Total Liabilities	131,463		175,419
Fund Balance:			
Restricted for Development	12,088,248		11,921,152
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 12,219,711	\$	12,096,571

# STATE OF ALASKA - *EXXON VALDEZ* OIL SPILL SETTLEMENT TRUST (A Special Revenue Fund of the State of Alaska)

#### STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN TRUST FUND BALANCE

For the Years Ended June 30, 2019 and 2018

	2019	2018
REVENUES		
Contributions - State of Alaska,		
Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Investment Fund	\$ 6,942,446	\$ 16,839,023
Interest and Investment Income	418,328	120,659
Total Revenues	7,360,774	16,959,682
EXPENDITURES		
Current Operating:		
Natural Resources Damage Assessment		
and Restoration Projects - State of Alaska,		
Department of Fish and Game	1,419,642	1,273,292
Department of Natural Resources	5,774,036	16,514,810
Total Current Operating Expenditures	7,193,678	17,788,102
Capital Expenditures:		
Land Acquisitions - State of Alaska,		
Department of Natural Resources	-	-
Total Capital Expenditures	-	-
Total Expenditures	7,193,678	17,788,102
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	167,096	(828,420)
Trust Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	11,921,152	12,749,572
Trust Fund Balance, End of Year	\$ 12,088,248	\$ 11,921,152