

*DRAFT RESOLUTION*

**RESOLUTION 20-B\_ OF THE *EXXON VALDEZ* OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL REGARDING A CHANGE TO PROCEDURES FOR APPROVAL OF MULTI-YEAR PROJECTS**

The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council ("Trustee Council" or "Council") regularly considers and funds proposals for long-term projects that are anticipated to continue for multiple years.

For such multi-year projects, the Trustee Council may approve, in a single approval motion, multiple fiscal years of funding for a project, specifying in the approval motion the fiscal year in which the approval will lapse. *See* EVOSTC Financial Procedures, § II.B.(2). In order to oversee the progress of such multi-year projects, the Council requires an annual project report to be submitted each year until the project is completed, at which time a final report is to be submitted. *See* EVOSTC Procedures for the Preparation and Distribution of Reports, § III.A.(2).

As set forth in the Trustee Council's General Operating Procedures, the Trustee Council currently has a practice of reviewing the funding for such multi-year projects annually and approving the next year's funding each year. The Trustee Council has now determined, after having sought public comment on a draft of this Resolution and having considered all public comments received, that it is not necessary for the Trustee Council to re-approve funding annually for such multi-year projects and that eliminating the annual review and approval procedure for multi-year projects will reduce administrative burdens on the Council.

The Council will continue to oversee implementation of such multi-year projects, including through annual or other periodic reports on each project's implementation, and may vote to discontinue funding for any multi-year project as the Council determines appropriate.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council unanimously agrees to amend the General Operation Procedures to eliminate the procedure that, "Multi-year funded projects are reviewed and approved annually by the Trustee Council."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Executive Director shall amend Council documents as necessary to implement this Resolution.

Approved by the Council at \_\_\_\_\_.

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