

***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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