RESOLUTION 21-01 OF THE *EXXON VALDEZ* OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL REGARDING FY21 ANNUAL FUNDING

INCLUDING PROJECT 15150123 SUB-PROJECT FUNDING TRANSFER, THE FY22-31 INVITATION FOR PROPOSALS AND THE FY22-26 INVITATION FOR GENERAL RESTORATION PROPOSALS

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: Kenai Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration, Project 15150123, Sub-Project Fund Transfer

Transfer and reallocation of up to $640,000 of previously approved funding for Project 15150123, Kenai Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration is approved between two sub-projects in this Project: from Crooked Creek (Sub-Project D) to North Fork/Nik Road (Sub-Project A). New funds are not required for this reallocation.

SECTION II: INVITATION FOR PROPOSALS

A. <u>FY22-31 Invitation for Proposals</u>

The Council approves any necessary edits to the FY22-31 Invitation dated 11.04.2020, due to actions taken by the Trustee Council at its January 19, 2021 meeting, including edits pertaining to the annual funding, reporting and policy requirements language and removing fish passage text from the mariculture focus area.

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B. *FY22-26 Invitation for General Restoration Project Proposals*

The Council approves establishing a new five-year Invitation for General Restoration Project Proposals and referring to the 1994 Restoration Plan and past projects approved thereunder for suggested types of proposals. These types of proposals may include, but are not limited to, general restoration, habitat acquisition and protection, habitat enhancement, archeological resources, fish passages, culvert replacement, and streambank erosion repair and restoration.

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 any such steps as may be necessary to make available the funding as described in this Resolution.

Attachments:
FY15 Work Plan: Project 15150123 Summary

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Approved by the Council at its meeting of January 19, 2021, held in Anchorage, Alaska, as affirmed by our signatures affixed below:

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DOUGLAS VINCENT-LANG
Commissioner
Alaska Department of Fish and Game

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