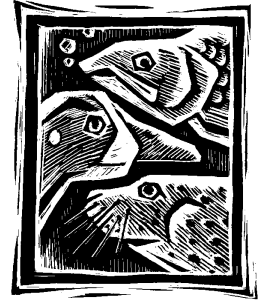


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TRUSTEE COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

Anchorage, Alaska

October 13, 2021

Trustee Council Members Present:

James Balsiger, NOAA/NMFS

David E. Schmid, USFS

Sara Taylor, USDOJ ***

•Jason Brune, ADEC

Treg Taylor, ADOL **

Doug Vincent-Lang, ADF&G

- Chair

*** Sara Taylor - alternate for Senior Advisor to the Secretary for Alaska Affairs

The meeting convened at 9:43 a.m., October 13, 2021, using the Zoom conferencing platform.

1. Approval of the October 13, 2021, meeting agenda

APPROVED MOTION: Motion to amend the draft October 13, 2021, meeting agenda with three modifications.

Motion by S. Taylor, second by Vincent-Lang, approved unanimously.

APPROVED MOTION: Motion to approve amended October 13, 2021, meeting agenda.

Motion by Vincent-Lang, second by S. Taylor, approved unanimously.

2. Approval of January 19, 2021, meeting notes

Federal Trustees

U.S. Department of the Interior
U.S. Department of Agriculture
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

State Trustees

Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
Alaska Department of Law

APPROVED MOTION: Motion to approve the draft January 19, 2021, Trustee Council meeting notes dated January 12, 2021.

Motion by Vincent-Lang, second by Schmid, approved unanimously.

3. Approval of Resolution 21-04

APPROVED MOTION: Motion to adopt Resolution 21-04 in recognition of Cherri Womac.

Motion by Vincent-Lang, second by T. Taylor, approved unanimously.

Gary Fandrei, Chair, reported on the September 28 and 29, 2021, EVOSTC Public Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting.

4. Approval of Resolution 21-05

APPROVED MOTION: Motion to adopt Resolution 21-05 in recognition of Gary Fandrei.

Motion by Brune, second by Schmid, approved unanimously.

5. Approval of Asset Allocation

APPROVED MOTION: Motion to approve asset allocations recommended by the Alaska Department of Revenue (ADOR) and the Investment Working Group on pages 10 and 12 of the ADOR presentation for each of fiscal year of the five-year period from February 1, 2022 through January 31, 2027.

Motion by Vincent-Lang, second by Schmid, approved unanimously.

6. 1994 Restoration Plan Errata

APPROVED MOTION: Motion to approve the errata revisions made by Council Staff to the 1994 Restoration Plan, dated August 30, 2021, which were made for clarity and

consistency.

Motion by Vincent-Lang, second by Balsiger, approved unanimously.

APPROVED MOTION:

Motion to approve revision to the General Operating Procedures, to clarify within section 1.10 that 'Intervening Action' does not include substantive matters requiring public review and input prior to a Council decision.

Motion by S. Taylor, second by Balsiger, approved unanimously.

Public Comment: **Twenty-eight public comments were given.**

Off record at 10:47 a.m.

On record at 10:50 a.m.

7. Prince William Sound Science Center and the Alaska SeaLife Center:

APPROVED MOTION:

Motion to approve funding for Project 19190125, Prince William Sound Science Center in the amount of \$5,950,000.

Motion by Vincent-Lang, second by T. Taylor, approved unanimously.

APPROVED MOTION:

Motion to authorize funding for the Alaska SeaLife Center (Project 20200131) in the amount of \$2,000,000.

(This item and motion were not on the 10.13.2021 agenda.)

Motion by Vincent-Lang, second by T. Taylor, approved unanimously.

8. Previously-Approved Projects – KEN 4018 and Projects 20200135:

APPROVED MOTION: Motion to reauthorize funding for KEN 4018, Bookey parcel, in the amount of \$2,300,000 through January 31, 2025.

Motion to amend by Taylor, second by Balsiger, approved unanimously.

APPROVED MOTION: Motion to reauthorize funding for Project 20200135, Eagle Rock Facility Improvements in the amount of \$6,419,010 through January 31, 2027.

Motion to amend by Taylor, second by Balsiger, approved unanimously.

Three projects were removed from consideration during the meeting as the Federal Trustees agreed to fund these projects from the remaining criminal settlement funds. Those projects were:

22220501 – Chenega Abandoned Vessel Removal

22220603 – Prince William Sound Marine Debris Remediation

22220700 – Land Appraisal for the Retirement of Bering River Coal Fields Parcel

For approval of the following projects, the Trustees worked through the authorizations in two rounds. In the first round, the project had to have a motion and a second and/or no opposition. If they did, the project advanced to round two. In the second round, again the Trustees worked through the projects, and again had to have a motion and a second and/or no opposition. The results of the second round of authorizations are listed below.

9. Long-Term Research and Monitoring (LTRM) Focus Area:

APPROVED MOTION: Motion to approve funding for LTRM project 22200127, Ocean Acidification Sampling for FY22.

Motion by Vincent-Lang, second by Balsiger, approved unanimously.

APPROVED MOTION: Motion to approve funding for LTRM project 22110853, Pigeon Guillemot Restoration for the remaining two years FY22-23.

Motion by Vincent-Lang, second by Schmid, approved unanimously.

APPROVED MOTION: Motion to approve funding for LTRM project 22210128, Status and Trends of EVOS Injured Seabirds for FY22-25.

Motion by Vincent-Lang, second by Schmid, approved unanimously.

APPROVED MOTION: Motion to approve funding for LTRM project 22120111-C, Modeling and Stock Assessment of Prince William Sound Herring for FY22-31.

Motion by Vincent-Lang, second by Brune, approved unanimously.

APPROVED MOTION: Motion to approve funding for LTRM project 22120111-E, Herring Disease Program for FY22-31.

Motion by Vincent-Lang, second by Balsiger, approved unanimously.

APPROVED MOTION: Motion to approve funding for LTRM project 22160111-F, Herring Surveys and age, sex, and size collection and processing for FY22-31.

Motion by Vincent-Lang, second by Brune, approved unanimously.

APPROVED MOTION: Motion to approve funding for LTRM project 22220111-I, Ecological Interactions Between Pacific Herring and Pacific Salmon in Prince William Sound for FY22-29.

Motion by Schmid, second by Vincent-Lang, approved unanimously.

APPROVED MOTION: Motion to approve funding for LTRM project 22120114-C, Forage Fish Distribution, Abundance, and Body Condition for FY22-31.

Motion by Vincent-Lang, second by S. Taylor, approved unanimously.

APPROVED MOTION: Motion to approve funding for LTRM project 22120114-D, Continuous Plankton Recorders for FY22-31.

Motion by Vincent-Lang, second by Brune, approved unanimously.

APPROVED MOTION: Motion to approve funding for LTRM project 22120114-G, Oceanographic Conditions in Prince William Sound for FY22-31.

Motion by Vincent-Lang, second by Schmid, approved unanimously

APPROVED MOTION: Motion to approve funding for LTRM project 22120114-H, Nearshore Ecosystems in the Gulf of Alaska for FY22-31.

Motion by Vincent-Lang, second by Schmid, approved unanimously.

APPROVED MOTION: Motion to approve funding for LTRM project 22120114-I, GAK1 Monitoring for FY22-31.

Motion by Vincent-Lang, second by Balsiger, approved unanimously.

APPROVED MOTION: Motion to approve funding for LTRM project 22120114-L, Seward Line Monitoring for FY22-31.

Motion by Vincent-Lang, second by S. Taylor, approved unanimously.

APPROVED MOTION: Motion to approve funding for LTRM project 22120114-M, Prince William Sound Marine Bird Surveys for FY22-31.

Motion by S. Taylor, second by Brune, approved unanimously.

APPROVED MOTION: Motion to approve funding for LTRM project 22120114-O, Humpback Whale Predation on Herring for FY22-31.

Motion by Vincent-Lang, second by T. Taylor, approved unanimously.

APPROVED MOTION: Motion to approve funding for LTRM project 22200114-P, Lingering Oil Component for FY22-31.

Motion by Vincent-Lang, second by T. Taylor, approved unanimously.

APPROVED MOTION: Motion to approve funding for LTRM project 22220201, Chugach Regional Ocean Monitoring (CROM) for FY22-31.

Motion by Vincent-Lang, second by S. Taylor, approved unanimously.

APPROVED MOTION: Motion to approve funding for LTRM project 22220202, Continuation and Expansion of Ocean Acidification Monitoring for FY22-31.

Motion by Vincent-Lang, second by T. Taylor, approved unanimously.

APPROVED MOTION: Motion to approve funding for LTRM project 22220203, Assessment of Walleye Pollock – Pacific Herring Interactions for FY22-31.

Motion by Vincent-Lang, second by Brune, approved unanimously.

Funding for the Long-Term Monitoring and Research Integrated Management, Project 2222LTRM, was deferred to the next Trustee Council meeting.

10. Long-Term Monitoring Program Data Management:

APPROVED MOTION: Motion to approve funding for LTRM project 22170113, Assessment of Walleye Pollack – Pacific Herring Interactions for FY22-31.

Motion by Schmid, second by Vincent-Lang, approved unanimously.

11. Mariculture Focus Area:

APPROVED MOTION: Motion to approve funding for Mariculture project 22220300, Kelp Mariculture Development for Habitat Restoration and Local Economy for FY22-26.

Motion by Vincent-Lang, second by Balsiger, approved unanimously.

APPROVED MOTION: Motion to approve funding for Mariculture project 22220301, Assessment of Kelp Mariculture Opportunities for Coastal Villages in the Spill Zone for FY22-26.

Motion by Vincent-Lang, second by Balsiger, approved unanimously.

APPROVED MOTION: Motion to approve funding for Mariculture project 22220302, Mariculture ReCon for FY22-26.

Motion by Vincent-Lang, second by Balsiger, approved unanimously.

12. Education and Outreach Focus Area:

APPROVED MOTION: Motion to approve funding for Education and Outreach project 22220400, CORaL Network Program, without mini-grants, initial funding approval for two years (FY22-23), with remainder upon approval for PAC and Executive Director for FY24-26.

Motion by Vincent-Lang, second by Brune, approved unanimously.

APPROVED MOTION: Motion to approve funding for Education and Outreach project 22220403, Prince William Sound Natural History Symposium for FY22-31.

Motion by Vincent-Lang, second by Schmid, approved unanimously.

APPROVED MOTION: Motion to approve funding for Education and Outreach project 22220405, Chugach Region Cultural Camps, expecting everyone should be able to participate for FY22-31.

Motion by Vincent-Lang, second by S. Taylor, approved unanimously.

13. General Restoration Focus Area:

APPROVED MOTION: Motion to approve funding for General Restoration project 22220502, Clean Water Act Assessment of Beaches with Lingering Oil for FY23-26.

Motion by Vincent-Lang, second by Brune, approved unanimously.

APPROVED MOTION: Motion to approve funding for General Restoration project 22220503, Alutiiq Museum and Archaeological Repository Sustainability for FY22-26.

Motion by Vincent-Lang, second by T. Taylor, approved unanimously.

APPROVED MOTION: Motion to approve funding for General Restoration project 22220505, Chugach Regional Archaeological Repository and Museum for FY22-26.

Motion by Vincent-Lang, second by Brune, approved unanimously.

APPROVED MOTION: Motion to approve funding for General Restoration project 22220507, Port Graham Corporation General Restoration and Habitat Protection for FY22-26.

Motion by Vincent-Lang, second by S. Taylor, approved unanimously.

APPROVED MOTION: Motion to approve funding for General Restoration project 22220508, Standardized High-Resolution Wetlands and Hydrography Data for FY22-26.

Motion by Vincent-Lang, second by Brune, approved unanimously.

14. Habitat Enhancement Focus Area:

APPROVED MOTION:

Motion to approve funding for General Restoration project 22220602, Kenai Peninsula Streambank Rehabilitation and Protection Work for four years (FY23-26). Funding is conditioned on annual monitoring of the projects for 10 years following completion of stream bank rehabilitation or improvements and a final report evaluating the effectiveness and durability of the projects.

Motion by Vincent-Lang, second by T. Taylor, approved unanimously.

APPROVED MOTION:

Motion to approve funding for General Restoration project 22220608, Port Graham Habitat Enhancement, less culvert replacement for FY22-26. The final schedule and timing of funding releases for the project will be determined by the Executive Director, in consultation with the proposer and in coordination with Trustees.

Motion by Vincent-Lang, second by T. Taylor, approved unanimously.

APPROVED MOTION:

Motion to approve funding for General Restoration project 22220610, Kenai Peninsula Stream Watch for FY22-26.

Motion by Schmid, second by S. Taylor, approved unanimously.

APPROVED MOTION:

Motion to approve funding for General Restoration project 22220611, Big Eddy – Restoration and Improvements for FY22-26. The final schedule and timing of funding releases for the project will be determined by the Executive Director, in consultation with the proposer and in coordination with Trustees.

Motion by Vincent-Lang, second by T. Taylor, approved unanimously.

APPROVED MOTION:

Motion to approve funding for General Restoration project 22220612, Eyak Lake Weir Restoration for FY22-25.

Motion by Vincent-Lang, second by T. Taylor,
approved unanimously

15. Habitat Protection Focus Area:

No projects were approved in this focus area except as noted on page 4.

16. Executive Session:

APPROVED MOTION: Motion to enter Executive Session.

Motion by T. Taylor, second by Vincent Lang, approved
unanimously

The Trustees were in Executive Session from 12:30 pm until 1:00 pm.

1. General Operating Budget:

APPROVED MOTION: Motion to amend agenda to move the General
Operating Budget project 22220100 and Long-Term
Monitoring and Research Integrated Management
project 2222LTRM to next meeting.

Motion by Vincent-Lang, second by T. Taylor,
approved unanimously

1. Resolution 21-06 in Recognition of Elise Hsieh:

APPROVED MOTION: Motion to adopt Resolution 21-06 in
recognition of Elise Hsieh for her longstanding
dedication and contributions to the Council and its
mission.

Motion by Vincent-Lang, second by Schmid, approved
unanimously

1. Resolution 21-08 in Recognition of Steve Mulder:

APPROVED MOTION:

Motion to adopt Resolution 21-08 in recognition of the many years of distinguished contributions and stewardship by Steven Mulder to the Council and those it serves.

Motion by Vincent-Lang, second by Brune approved unanimously

1. Resolution 21-07 in Recognition of Jim Balsiger:

APPROVED MOTION:

Motion to adopt Resolution 21-07 in recognition of the two decades of renowned contributions, guidance, and mentorship by Dr. James Balsiger to the Council and those it serves.

Motion by Vincent-Lang, second by Schmid, approved unanimously

Closing comments provided by Trustees and Executive Director.

Adjourned at 6:10 pm.

No motion was given. Chair Brune ended the meeting.