## RESOLUTION 22-02 of the EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL Regarding the FY23 – FY26 Funding for the EVOSTC General Operating Budget, Long-Term Research and Monitoring Integrated Program Management Budget and Killer Whale Monitoring Project

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 natural resource damage assessment and restoration activities as described below.

Funding for Project 23220100, the FY23 – FY26 General Operating Budget, which includes GA, is approved in the amount of \$6,193,844 for FY23 – FY26.

Funding for Project 2322LTRM, the FY23 – FY26 Gulf Watch Alaska Long-Term Research and Monitoring Program: Integrated Program Management, which includes GA, is approved in the amount of \$2,994,804.

Funding for Project 23120114-N Long-Term Killer Whale Monitoring in Prince William Sound/Kenai Fjords, which includes GA, is approved in the amount of \$126,000.

This funding must be spent in accordance with the FY23 – FY26 Annual Funding Overview (AFO), dated October 5, 2022 and the documents referenced therein. Funding is released annually unless otherwise noted and funding expires on the dates indicated, if applicable.

## **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 such steps as may be necessary to make available the funding as described in this Resolution. All funding approved pursuant to this Resolution 22-02 is subject to availability in the Investment Fund as determined on an annual basis.

Attachments: FY23-FY26 AFO, dated October 5, 2022 FY22-33 EVOSTC General Operating Budget, dated August 22, 2022

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Approved by the Council at its meeting of October 5, 2022, held via virtual conferencing platform, as affirmed by our signatures affixed below.

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