

**RESOLUTION 22-04 of the  
EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL  
regarding the  
Restoration Reserve**

The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council ("Trustee Council") approved a Resolution on March 1, 1999 ([Resolution 99-03-01](#)) regarding the Restoration Reserve and long-term restoration needs. Resolution 99-03-01 was adopted to ensure that the remaining unobligated settlement funds available on October 1, 2002, be allocated for habitat protection and research, monitoring, and general restoration projects.

At its October 2021 meeting, the Trustee Council made unanimous decisions to allocate the remaining funds for projects over the next 10 years (see [Resolution 21-10 Regarding the FY22-31 Work Plan](#)), thereby implementing a spend down plan for the Restoration Reserve. The Trustee Council approved funding for a long-term research and monitoring program, several mariculture projects, education and outreach projects, archeological repositories and museums, and habitat enhancement projects. In order for the Trustee Council to support the decisions made at its October 2021 meeting, the restrictions on spending set forth in Resolution 99-03-01 must be revoked, which will be a step toward ensuring that the Trustee Council can continue to fund these important projects.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the terms for spending described in Resolution 99-03-01 and the "Outline of Action Under Existing Authority" dated March 1, 1999 referenced therein be revoked; and

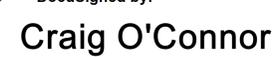
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Trustee Council shall coordinate with the Alaska Congressional delegation to request an amendment to Section 350 of [Public Law No. 106-113](#), specifically the removal of Paragraph 5 which codified that distinction between the funds that the Trustee Council has determined is no longer viable.

**This resolution was presented to and approved by the Trustee Council this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022.**

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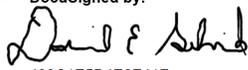
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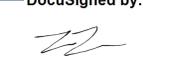
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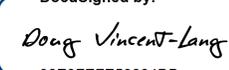
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