

Rob Suryan

I recommend Alternative Green to allow the Trustees and Council Staff the most flexibility in resolving the budget shortfall for the projects approved during the October 2021, January 2022, and October 2022 meetings.

Brenda Ballachey

I have reviewed the Delta Plan alternatives and believe that Alternative Green offers the most flexibility for the TC to effectively spend the remaining funds over the next decade.

Alutiiq Museum & Archaeological Repository

Quyanaa for the opportunity to provide comments on the Delta Alternatives for spending of the EVOSTC Funds in a way that will provide the most benefit to the Oiled Region. As you know, the Alutiiq Museum & Archaeological Repository was awarded a project grant in October of 2021 to renovate our facility. Like other grantees, the news that the Research Fund was over-allocated came as a surprise, and we have been following the decision making on this matter closely. We have reviewed the Delta alternatives and feel that the Orange plan is least likely to negatively impact the success of our project. I do not have a strong opinion on which of the three options under the Orange plan are the best choice to achieve this end. The Purple and Green alternatives both include the revisiting of previously made decisions by the EVOSTC, which I do not support. I hope that a solution can be established that guarantees previously made funding awards will be honored. I appreciate the hard work of the PAC, the EVOSTC, and the EVOSTC staff in finding a solution.

Heather Coletti

I support the Alternative Orange.

Donna Aderhold

Thank you for taking comment on Delta Plan alternatives. After reviewing the alternatives, I believe the Green Alternative provides the most flexibility to the Trustees in allocating the remaining funds.

John Moran

I support the green option, it is the most flexible and gives GWA the best chance for a longer future.

Robb Kaler

The Green alternative is the most flexible and the best option to continue this outstanding research.



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November 4, 2022

EVOS Trustee Council
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RE: 2022 Delta Plan comments

Dear EVOS Trustee Council Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the EVOSTC's Delta Plan. Koniag was surprised to learn that the EVOSTC needed to reconsider previously approved projects due to recent decline in the value of its securities portfolio, however we are hopeful that the EVOSTC will find a way to fund these important projects. Specifically, Koniag is concerned that the \$8 million approved out of the Research Subaccount for the Alutiiq Museum & Archaeological Repository Sustainability Project may be in jeopardy and we encourage the EVOSTC to pursue a plan that will preserve this funding and allow the Alutiiq Museum's project to proceed.

Given the previous approval of \$8 million in funding to the Alutiiq Museum from the EVOSTC, there has been a flurry of activity to move the project forward. Koniag acquired the 50% ownership interest in the facility from Natives of Kodiak and, together with the Kodiak Area Native Association which owned the other 50%, donated the entire facility ownership to the Alutiiq Museum. In addition, Koniag has pledged \$1.2 million to the project. The Alutiiq Museum has proceeded with design for the renovated facility and was on the verge of beginning the construction contract RFP process when we learned that the EVOSTC funding may be jeopardy. Without the EVOSTC funding, the project simply can-not proceed and if funding is provided at a reduced amount, additional efforts to raise capital will need to be initiated, but sources will be limited as many have already pledged support.

Therefore, in reviewing the three alternatives in the 2022 Delta Plan it appears that Alternative Orange would provide the most assurance that projects would receive their full, approved funding by combining the Research and Habitat Subaccounts. Koniag supports Option A of Alternative Orange as it may provide more opportunity for the combined Subaccount funds to generate earnings and would provide clear Congressional intent and approval to combine the Research and Habitat Subaccounts.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shauna".

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Mayumi Arimitsu

The delta green alternative seems to provide the most flexibility for future decisions.

Katrina Hoffman

Elements of the Delta Plan refer to soliciting public input as it pertains to funding decisions for projects chosen for support by the EVOS Trustee Council and possible modifications thereof. Please remember that considerable and extensive public input was solicited in the past that resulted in the creation of the long term monitoring program of the EVOSTC, which was intended to be a 20 year program. This program is the primary means by which the Trustees carry out their responsibility for understanding the status of recovery of injured ecosystem assets and should be an important part of plans moving forward through FY31.

Dan Esler

Based on a long history of involvement in restoration work (research and monitoring) funded by the EVOSTC, I recommend following the Green option of the Delta Plan. I think this offers a reasonable solution for engaging stakeholders and allowing continuation of important work for as long as possible.



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RE: 2022 Delta Plan Public Comment

Dear EVOS Trustee Council Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the EVOSTC's Delta Plan. Kodiak Area Native Association (KANA) was surprised to learn that the EVOSTC needed to reconsider previously approved projects due to recent decline in the value of its securities portfolio, however we are hopeful that the EVOSTC will find a way to fund these important projects. Specifically, KANA is concerned that the \$8 million approved out of the Research Subaccount for the Alutiiq Museum & Archaeological Repository Sustainability Project may be in jeopardy and we encourage the EVOSTC to pursue a plan that will preserve this funding and allow the Alutiiq Museum's project to proceed.

Given the previous approval of \$8 million in funding to the Alutiiq Museum from the EVOSTC, there has been a significant amount of activity to move the project forward. KANA owned 50% in the facility, and together with Koniag, which acquired 50% ownership interest from Natives of Kodiak, donated the entire facility ownership to the Alutiiq Museum. The Alutiiq Museum has proceeded with design for the renovated facility and was on the verge of beginning the construction contract RFP process when we learned that the EVOSTC funding may be in jeopardy. Without the EVOSTC funding, the project simply cannot proceed, and if funding is provided at a reduced amount, additional efforts to raise capital will need to be initiated, but sources will be limited as many have already pledged support.

Therefore, in reviewing the three alternatives in the 2022 Delta Plan it appears that Alternative Orange would provide the most assurance that projects would receive their full, approved funding by combining the Research and Habitat Subaccounts. KANA supports Option A of Alternative Orange as it may provide more opportunity for the combined Subaccount funds to generate earnings and would provide clear Congressional intent and approval to combine the Research and Habitat Subaccounts.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Mike Pfeffer
Chief Executive Officer

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The EVOSTC created the current financial challenge addressed by the Delta Plan and should take responsibility for fixing it. The EVOSTC should implement a modified version of Alternative Purple. The EVOSTC overallocated funds for research and monitoring - the funding of these projects should be reevaluated to solve the funding shortfall. Habitat projects or the habitat subaccount should not be considered to solve the research and monitoring funding challenge that the EVOSTC created.

Alternative Orange is not viable - this EVOSTC should respect previous TCs purposeful decision to keep the research/monitoring and habitat subaccounts separate.



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Re: Comments regarding the EVOSTC proposed Delta Plan options.

Chugach is an Alaska Native Corporation created under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) whose region covers all of Prince William Sound and lower Cook Inlet. The communities in our region include Valdez, Tatitlek, Chenega, Cordova/Eyak, Whittier, Seward, Port Graham and Nanwalek. The Chugach region was the area most devastated by the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill, which happened just a short distance from the village of Tatitlek.

It is unfortunate that funding mechanisms for approved projects needs to be revisited due to a number of factors, including lower expected returns of the trust due to changing market conditions. Chugach is especially concerned about the funding for the Chugach Archaeological Repository and Museum as well as our funding for regional culture camps. We encourage the council to approve a plan that will continue to allow these programs to proceed as approved at the October 2021 EVOSTC meeting. These projects are important to protect and share knowledge related to the history, heritage and traditional ecological knowledge of the indigenous people of the Chugach region. We appreciate the EVOS trustee council recognizing the importance of involvement of the Alaska Native people and communities in our region in your earlier funding decisions.

In reviewing the various options outlined in the 2022 Delta Plan, it appears that Alternative Orange would be the best option to assure that our programs would receive funding by combining the Research and Habitat subaccounts. Chugach supports Option A of Alternative Orange as it appears it would allow for greater investment earnings to the fund, which would narrow the funding gap as well as provide Congressional approval to combine the Research and Habitat subaccounts in order to best honor the intention of the EVOSTC funding decisions.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Josie Hickel

President

Mandy Lindeberg

I recommend "Alternative Green" to give the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council the most flexibility in resolving the budget shortfall for the projects approved during their 2021-22 public meetings. The Trustee Council has invested heavily into research and monitoring, and should allow ongoing projects to continue for as long as possible so they can complete the objectives they were designed to carry out. Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in on the Delta Plan alternatives.

John Durban

I support the alternative green option for the delta plan. This will provide the most flexibility for continuing funding of ongoing research and monitoring projects through to their intended completion.

James Bodkin

I support Alternative Green on the Delta Alternatives

Stanley Rice

Comments to the EVOS trustees

I support the green alternative for the following reasons:

1. Not enough funds are left to satisfy all proposals and user groups
2. The goal should be to finish the legacy of the EVOS Trustee process by using the remaining funds to do the most good with the highest impact that serves the future needs of our children and grandchildren. The smartest and wisest use of the funds will need to set priorities and make tough decisions.
3. Some user groups will not be satisfied. If the decision process is not transparent, with public input, some user groups will probably sue, consuming funds, and delaying the process.
4. The purple alternative is the least work, most efficient administratively, and will likely produce the least bang for the buck, as it keeps the two pots of funds separate and does not permit the combining to fund the highest priority projects.
5. Orange is a good choice, but it is not transparent, will not satisfy all of the different competing interests, invites law suits, and delays.
6. Green choice is a more transparent version of orange, allowing the limited funds to support more of the priority projects for a longer period of time, and allows for public input.

Conclusion: The green choice is probably the best choice. Do the best you can; be transparent in your decision process; and expect to be sued, particularly if you make decisions in an expedient non-transparent process. Extend the EVOS legacy by making wise decisions that support the future of our children and grandchildren

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Stan Rice