

EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL
PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DELTA PLAN

FUNDING STRATEGIES | NOVEMBER 29, 2022



EVOSTC PROGRAMS C. 1999

- **Research, Monitoring, and General Restoration (23%)**
 - e.g., Alutiiq Museum and Alaska SeaLife Center
- **Habitat Protection and Acquisition (50%)**
 - Large and Small Parcel programs
- **Reimbursements (\$213M)**
- **Public Info, Science Management, and Admin (4%)**
- **Restoration Reserve (23%; \$170M on last installment)**



RESERVE FUNDS

LONG-TERM RESTORATION NEEDS

- comprehensive and balanced approach
- complementary commitment to:
 - Scientific research and monitoring
 - Applied science to inform and improve management
 - Continued general restoration activities
 - Support for community-based efforts
 - Protection for additional key habitats



FUNDING ISSUES

- Following legal review, October 2021 allocations will not sufficiently draw down both accounts
- Funding eligibility tied to 1999 Resolution by law
 - 2022 Resolution to partly rescind 1999 Resolution
 - Congress must act to remove statutory provisions
- Market downturn; unpredictability in gains/losses

DELTA PLAN | ALTERNATIVE ORANGE

THE PLAN

Project components totaling \$13M or more will be funded from the Habitat Subaccount or a Combined Account **instead of from the Research Subaccount**

Requires **one** of the following paths:

1. Ask Congress to authorize the spending
2. Ask Congress to rescind legal barriers
3. Combine funds in another repository
 - NRDAR or Court Registry

THE RESULT

- Removes barriers to funding Council decisions as long as funds are available
- May result in less funds overall due to loss of potential interest income
- Priority funding for
 - CORaL Network Program (in part)
 - Chugach Region Culture Camp (in part)
 - Alutiiq Museum Sustainability (in full)
 - Chugach Museum & Repository (in part)

DELTA PLAN | ALTERNATIVE PURPLE

THE PLAN

Revisit Council funding decisions from Oct 2021, Jan 2022, and Oct 2022

- Guidance from PAC, public, consultation, Science Panel, community engagement
- Funds must fit within current restrictions

Reconsider Habitat projects recommended by the PAC at its Sept 2021 meeting to fund from **remainder in Habitat Subaccount**

THE RESULT

- Potential for \$26M in additional projects funded from the Habitat Subaccount
- Does not require Congressional Action
- Ensures every project is funded through EFY26 (with the usual contingencies)
 - Priority funding for all previously approved 5-year projects
 - Uncertain availability of funds after EFY26

DELTA PLAN | ALTERNATIVE GREEN

THE PLAN

Revisit Council decisions on the 10-year invitation with revised spending scenarios

- Guidance from PAC, public, consultation, Science Panel, community engagement

Choose an Orange Alternative option

- Congressional Action or NRDAR/Court
- Funds will not have to fit within current subaccount restrictions

THE RESULT

- Flexibility in restructuring EFY 27-31 to maximize available funds
- Combines outreach and engagement in Purple with flexibility and continuity in Orange to foster strategic collaboration on revised funding decisions within the revised funding expectations
- Full funding for all 5-year projects

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Public Comment Period: Oct 7 to Nov 7, 2022
- Generally indicating support for
 - Purple: 1
 - Orange: 5
 - Green: 11
 - Unclear: 1
- Themes: flexibility in resolving shortfall for approved projects; support for continuing research; ensure funds available for 5-year projects; engaging stakeholders to continue restoration progress; continued transparency
- Support for Purple includes keeping accounts separate

QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

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