

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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