

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council

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NOVEMBER 30, 2022, TRUSTEE COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

Trustee Council Members Present:

Jason Brune, Commissioner, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation

Craig O'Connor*, Special Counsel, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

David Schmid, Alaska Regional Forester, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture

Sara Taylor, Policy Advisor – Alaska, U.S. Department of the Interior

Treg Taylor, Attorney General, Alaska Department of Law

Douglas Vincent-Lang, Commissioner, Alaska Department of Fish and Game

*Chair

The meeting convened at 1:07 p.m., November 30, 2022, using the Zoom conferencing platform.

1. Approval of the November 30, 2022, meeting agenda

APPROVED MOTION: Motion to approve the November 30, 2022, meeting agenda, draft dated November 15, 2022.

Motion by Brune, seconded by Schmid, approved unanimously.

2. Approval of the October 5, 2022, meeting notes

APPROVED MOTION: Motion to approve the October 5, 2022, draft of the November 8, 2022, Trustee Council meeting notes.

Motion by Vincent-Lang, seconded by Schmid, approved unanimously.

Kristin Carpenter, Chair, reported on the November 29, 2022, EVOSTC Public Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting

Financial updates provided.

Public Comment: **3 public comments were given.**

3. Approval of FY23 Work Plan (Data Management funding for Long-Term Killer Whale Monitoring Project)

APPROVED MOTION: Motion to approve \$12,780, which includes GA, for the Data Management Program Project 23170113 to ensure the Council's data policy requirements are met for the Long-Term Killer Whale Monitoring Project 23120114-N, for the FY23 funding cycle.

Motion by Brune, seconded by T. Taylor, approved unanimously.

FY23 – FY33 Spending Scenarios update provided.

4. Approval of Delta Plan Alternative Green, Option A

Trustee Sara Taylor presented the Delta Plan alternatives.

APPROVED MOTION: Motion to approve Delta Plan Alternative Green, as described in the Discussion Draft Delta Plan dated September 26, 2022, Alternative Green, which includes Option A, to seek congressional authorization to remove the condition in Public Law 106-113, that the funds be allocated and managed in separate subaccounts. The Trustee Council is to engage the public in revisiting its previous funding decisions for fiscal year 2027 through fiscal year 2031, as described. The Science Panel and Public Advisory Committee will be asked to revisit the proposals funded and offer recommendations to the Trustee Council on how best to maximize the number of projects that can be funded. The Trustees will also work to maximize the use of the funds remaining in both the Research and Habitat Subaccounts, including through finding efficiencies that can be made, unused funds, and the degree of public participation and involvement in the decision-making process will also be an emphasis. Funding for any public engagement activities will be allocated evenly from the Research and Habitat Subaccounts. The Trustee Council authorizes Council staff to analyze administrative costs and equally distribute them, either historically or going forward, drawing from the Habitat Subaccount to minimize the funding shortfall in the Research Subaccount.

Motion by S. Taylor, seconded by Brune, approved unanimously.

5. Adjournment of the meeting

APPROVED MOTION: Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Vincent-Lang, seconded by Brune, approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.