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Grace and Joy,

Below are my public comments for the EVOS Trustees consideration. My apologies that I cannot call into the meeting. I have a conflict I cannot reschedule. I am hopeful these written comments suffice.

Shauna

Dear EVOS Trustees,

I am writing on behalf of Koniag to provide comments regarding the Killey River Habitat Purchase Project. Koniag fully supports Option A as outlined under the Killey River Purchase Project KEN 4015 Summary which would confirm the use of EVOS funds to purchase lands from CIRI that were identified under EVOSTC Resolution 18-03. All of the conditions for the purchase that were identified in the resolution appear to have been met in this case. Koniag would also support Option B and Option C to the extent that the use of EVOS funds to purchase the additional acreage does not impact funding for other subsequently approved projects such as the Alutiiq Museum & Archaeological Repository Sustainability Project.

Koniag strongly discourages Option D, which would vacate the commitment that the EVOSTC made to CIRI in 2018 when it passed Resolution 18-03.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and the consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

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Public Comments RE: EVOSTC (Trustees) purchase Killey River project

I write in support of Option A as presented in the Killey River Purchase Project KEN 4015 Summary.

In making this decision, I focused on what was agreed upon by the Trustees at the October 17, 2018, meeting, and my belief the Trustees are obligated to satisfy commitments once they are made.

The key facts:

- Per Page 1 of the Summary, "Resolution 18-03 ... authorized four habitat purchases including the "Killey River property," project KEN 4015. The EVOSTC authorized this purchase for up to a total purchase price of \$20.5 million, based on the following conditions: (1) the EVOSTC Executive Director determines, in consultation with the State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Department of Interior Solicitor's Office, and the State of Alaska Department of Law, that the purchase is in the interests of the Council; (2) due diligence reports are acceptable to the three consulting parties described in (1); and (3) a purchase agreement is executed by May 1, 2020."
- A Killey River Benefit's Report, which was attached to Resolution 18-03, identified approximately 3,263-acre of land for purchase.
- A purchase agreement was executed on April 9, 2020.

The Killey River Purchase Project KEN 4015 Summary then describes a series of events that, over a several year period, resulted in 2,256 additional acres beyond what was contemplated in the Killey River Benefit's Report, being identified for possible purchase. The Summary states that the "due diligence was nearly complete by August 2024."

My main comment and concern is that EVOSTC made additional funding commitments at its October 13, 2021 meeting, including to the Chugach Heritage Foundation and Museum, among many others.

The commitments made at the October 13, 2021 meeting, and the ability to fully fund them, take precedent over any additional land that was identified during the due diligence period that wasn't finalized until August 2024.

Option A satisfies the obligations EVOSTC made at the 2018 meeting. Only after EVOSTC has determined enough funding remains to fully fund its October 2021 commitments, should options B or C be considered. I am not aware of any circumstances that would justify Option D.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

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