



EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES
AND TRUST FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Trustee Council Year Ended January 31, 2024

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council
Anchorage, Alaska

I have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the management of *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council (EVOSTC or Trustee Council), solely to assist you in evaluating the sufficiency of policies and procedures established by the Trustee Council over the flow of funds into and out of the Trustee Council's State of Alaska *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Investment Fund (Investment Fund), the *Exxon Valdez* Civil Settlement Account with Natural Resources Damage Assessment and Restoration (NRDA&R) account, and the State of Alaska – *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Settlement Trust (Settlement Trust), as well as the process and controls of each of the federal agencies over unspent project funds for proper and timely return to the Trustee Council's NRDA&R account for the Trustee Council year ended January 31, 2024. The management of EVOSTC and the Federal and State of Alaska agencies are responsible for the proper use of funds in accordance with EVOSTC's mission. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the parties specified in this report. Consequently, I make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

My procedures and findings with respect to the Investment Fund, NRDA&R, Settlement Trust and EVOSTC Restoration Office are as follows:

State of Alaska *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Investment Fund

Procedures

1. I compared expenditures from the Research or Habitat Accounts in the Investment Fund to transfers to the Settlement Account (State agency transfers) or NRDA&R (federal agency transfers). I performed the following steps for this procedure:
 - a. Obtained each Joint Notice of Expenditure from the Investment Fund (Joint Notice) provided to the United States District Court – District of Alaska through the end of the Trustee Council year ended January 31, 2024 and summarized expenditures by each of the federal and State recipient agencies and for the Habitat and Research Accounts.
 - b. Obtained the meeting notes from the Trustee Council meetings and the approved Annual Funding Overview (AFO) and Annual Budget (AB) for the Trustee Council Fiscal Year and agreed the expenditures reflected in the AFO and AB for Trustee Council activities from the Investment Fund as reflected in the Joint Notices to the Trustee Council approval.
 - c. Obtained and summarized the monthly Schedules of Investment Income (Loss) and Changes in Invested Assets from the Alaska Department of Revenue-Treasury Division for each month during the State Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023 and three months ended September 30, 2023 for each of the Habitat and Research Accounts of the Investment Fund.
 - d. Agreed the summarized Joint Notice approved transfers to the amounts transferred from the Habitat and Research Accounts of the Investment Fund.

Findings

No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedures.

Natural Resources Damage Assessment and Restoration Fund (NRDA&R)

Procedures

1. I compared disbursements of federal project funding from EVOSTC's NRDA&R account to related Joint Notices and agreed receipts by NRDA&R of any unspent federal agency funds to federal agency reports. I performed the following steps for this procedure:
 - a. Obtained the annual Cash Flow Plan for the Trustee Council's NRDA&R account for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2023 from the Department of the Interior (DOI) and compared these to disbursements to federal agencies as reflected in the Joint Notices for FFY 2023.
 - b. Obtained the transaction detail for FFY 2023 for NRDA&R from the DOI and agreed the activity reflected in the Cash Flow Plan to the transaction detail for NRDA&R.
 - c. Compared remaining cash balances in the NRDA&R to the reduction in expenditures from the Investment Fund for federal trustee agency projects as reflected in Court Notices.
 - d. Reconciled amounts disbursed from NRDA&R to amounts reported by agencies taking into account the timing and the different reporting mechanisms employed by each of the agencies.
 - e. Obtained summary project tracking schedules and accounting reports from each of the federal trustee agencies and agreed the schedules to the accounting reports.
 - f. Recalculated the amounts reflected in the project tracking schedules for return to the Trustee Council's NRDA&R account.
 - g. Obtained documentation from each federal trustee agency supporting the initiation of the return of unspent project funds to the Trustee Council's NRDA&R account.

Findings

No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedures. The status of each federal agencies' projects are as follows:

United States Geological Survey (USGS)

At the beginning of FFY 2023, USGS had no prior year unspent funds to return. In FFY 2024, USGS participated in three projects and received AB support. After the end of the fiscal year, USGS reported that it had \$1,069 in lapsed funds from its AB support funding from FFY 2023, which it would return in the current fiscal year. Its three projects are multi-year, and USGS reported that it was carrying over unused funding for three projects to FFY 2023.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

In FFY 2023, NOAA participated in several projects and received AB support. After the end of the fiscal year, NOAA reported that it had \$60,938 in lapsed funds from its AB support funding from FFY 2023, which it would return in the current fiscal year. For its multi-year projects with unused amounts, NOAA reported that it was carrying over unused funding to FFY 2024.

United States Forest Service (USFS)

In FFY 2023, USFS participated in two projects with the Copper River Watershed Project for culvert repair and monitoring that will continue through FFY 2027. Total funding is \$261,994, and as of the end of FFY 2023, USFS reported that it had spent \$99,050 in total on both projects, leaving \$162,943.91 to carryover to FFY 2024 for spending by the end of FFY 2027.

United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)

During FFY 2023, USFWS returned \$425,887 to NRDAR in unused project funds that it had identified in prior year. This represented all project funds identified for return to date except for \$135,172 in funding for project number #23220100 withheld at the direction of the Executive Director pending possible future additional release. In FFY 2023, USFWS had several long-term monitoring projects, and received AB funding. Three of the Agency's projects were closed during FFY 2023, and it reported after the end of the fiscal year that it would return \$36,246 in unused project funding. USFWS was still determining whether a return was warranted in the amount of \$135,172 for project #23220100.

National Park Service (NPS)

As of the beginning of FFY 2023, all agency funding had been either returned or fully expended. During FFY 2023 the agency received project funds under a single multi-year project managed by USGS. Subsequent to the end of the fiscal year, USGS reported that NPS was carrying over unused funding to FFY 2024.

State of Alaska Settlement Trust

Procedures

1. I agreed remaining fund balances in the State Settlement Trust to reductions in expenditures from the Investment Fund for State trustee agency projects. I performed the following steps for this procedure:
 - a. Obtained the State of Alaska, Department of Fish and Game's fund balance schedule for the State Settlement Trust and the supporting accounting reports from the State of Alaska accounting system.
 - b. Agreed the amounts reflected as available cash balances in the State Settlement Trust to the related accounting records.
 - c. Recalculated the obligations for active projects and recalculated the estimated amounts available to reduce expenditures from the Investment Fund for State trustee agency projects.
 - d. Agreed the amount available to reduce expenditures from the Investment Fund to respective Court Notices.

Findings

No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedures.

EVOSTC Restoration Office

Procedures

1. I compared amounts approved by the Trustee Council for the AB to actual expenditures for the year. I performed the following steps for this procedure:
 - a. Obtained the EVOSTC Executive Offices Expenditure Matrix for the year ended January 31, 2024, which tracks the approved AB against actual expenditures, and compared the budgeted amounts reflected in the Expenditure Matrix to the budget approved by the Trustee Council, and compared actual expenditures for the current year to expenditures of the prior year.
 - b. Compared actual amounts to State of Alaska accounting records.
 - c. Inquired of the EVOSTC Executive Assistant regarding variances of actual amounts for the current year to actual amounts of the prior year and of the budget.

2. I inquired of the EVOCTC Executive Assistant about procedures used to monitor the timely return of unspent federal agency project amounts to the *Exxon Valdez* Civil Settlement Account with NRDA&R.

Findings

No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedures.

I was engaged by the State of Alaska, Department of Fish and Game on behalf of the EVOSTC's management to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted my engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the AICPA. I was not engaged to and did not conduct an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on established policies and procedures over the use of EVOSTC funding. Accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. Had I performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to my attention that would have been reported to you.

I am required to be independent of the EVOSTC and to meet my other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the management of the Trustee Council and the Federal and State of Alaska liaison agencies and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'MEM'.

October 10, 2024

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council
Anchorage, Alaska

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial statements of the State of Alaska *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Investment Fund (Investment Fund) as of and for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, as listed in the table of contents, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. I have performed compilation engagements in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. I did not audit or review the financial statements nor was I required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or the completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on these financial statements.

Management has elected to omit substantially all of the disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. If the omitted disclosures were included in the financial statements, they might influence the user's conclusions about the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council's financial position, results of operations, and cash flows. Accordingly, the financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

The accompanying financial statements of the Investment Fund present only the Investment Fund and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the State of Alaska or any of its component units as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, and the changes in its financial position, or, where applicable, its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.



October 10, 2024

EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL

STATE OF ALASKA - EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL INVESTMENT FUND
(An Investment Trust Fund of the State of Alaska)

STATEMENTS OF FIDUCIARY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As of June 30, 2023 and 2022

	2023			2022		
	Research	Habitat	Total	Research	Habitat	Total
ASSETS						
Cash and Investments	\$ 44,371,417	\$ 72,326,670	\$ 116,698,087	\$ 59,651,642	\$ 78,878,295	\$ 138,529,937
Total Assets	\$ 44,371,417	\$ 72,326,670	\$ 116,698,087	\$ 59,651,642	\$ 78,878,295	\$ 138,529,937
LIABILITIES						
Accounts Payable	\$ 11,098	\$ 18,090	\$ 29,188	\$ 26,473	\$ 22,881	\$ 49,354
Assets Held in Custody by the State of Alaska	44,360,319	72,308,580	116,668,899	59,625,169	78,855,414	138,480,583
Total Liabilities	\$ 44,371,417	\$ 72,326,670	\$ 116,698,087	\$ 59,651,642	\$ 78,878,295	\$ 138,529,937

EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL

STATE OF ALASKA - EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL INVESTMENT FUND
(An Investment Trust Fund of the State of Alaska)

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

For the Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

	2023			2022		
	Research	Habitat	Total	Research	Habitat	Total
ASSETS						
Investments, Beginning of Year	\$ 59,651,642	\$ 78,878,295	\$ 138,529,937	\$ 107,562,423	\$ 93,320,171	\$ 200,882,594
Additions and investment activity:						
Interest and Investment Income (Loss)	4,829,685	5,047,992	9,877,677	(9,332,952)	(9,939,932)	(19,272,884)
Total Additions	4,829,685	5,047,992	9,877,677	(9,332,952)	(9,939,932)	(19,272,884)
Deductions:						
State of Alaska,						
<i>Exxon Valdez</i> Oil Spill Settlement Trust	13,683,540	3,427,240	17,110,780	29,537,659	444,806	29,982,465
Investment Management Fees	119,040	162,463	281,503	26,473	22,881	49,354
United States Department of the Interior,						
Natural Resources Damage						
Assessment and Restoration Fund	6,307,330	8,009,914	14,317,244	9,013,697	4,034,257	13,047,954
Total Deductions	20,109,910	11,599,617	31,709,527	38,577,829	4,501,944	43,079,773
Investments, End of Year	\$ 44,371,417	\$ 72,326,670	\$ 116,698,087	\$ 59,651,642	\$ 78,878,295	\$ 138,529,937
LIABILITIES						
Accounts Payable, Beginning of Year	\$ 26,473	\$ 22,881	\$ 49,354	\$ 20,163	\$ 11,289	\$ 31,452
Additions	11,098	18,090	29,188	26,473	22,881	49,354
Deductions	26,473	22,881	49,354	20,163	11,289	31,452
Accounts Payable, End of Year	11,098	18,090	29,188	26,473	22,881	49,354
Assets Held in Custody						
by the State of Alaska, Beginning of Year	59,625,169	78,855,414	138,480,583	107,542,260	93,308,882	200,851,142
Additions and investment activity	4,818,587	5,029,902	9,848,489	(9,359,425)	(9,962,813)	(19,322,238)
Deductions	20,083,437	11,576,736	31,660,173	38,557,666	4,490,655	43,048,321
Assets Held in Custody						
by the State of Alaska, End of Year	44,360,319	72,308,580	116,668,899	59,625,169	78,855,414	138,480,583
Liabilities, End of Year	\$ 44,371,417	\$ 72,326,670	\$ 116,698,087	\$ 59,651,642	\$ 78,878,295	\$ 138,529,937

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council
Anchorage, Alaska

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial statements of the United States Department of the Interior, Natural Resources Damage Assessment and Restoration Fund (NRDA&R) – cash basis – as of and for the years ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, as listed in the table of contents. Management is also responsible for determining that the cash-basis of accounting is an acceptable financial reporting framework. I have performed compilation engagements in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. I did not audit or review the financial statements nor was I required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or the completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on these financial statements.

Management has elected to omit substantially all of the disclosures ordinarily included in financial statements prepared in accordance with the cash basis of accounting. If the omitted disclosures were included in the financial statements, they might influence the user's conclusions about the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council's financial position, results of operations, and cash flows. Accordingly, the financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

The accompanying financial statements of NRDA&R present only the amounts related to the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of NRDA&R or the U.S. Department of the Interior as of September 30, 2023 and 2022, and the results of their operations for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The NRDA&R financial statements are prepared in accordance with the cash-basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.



October 10, 2024

EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, NATURAL RESOURCES DAMAGE
ASSESSMENT AND RESTORATION FUND

STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND TRUST FUND BALANCE ARISING FROM
CASH TRANSACTIONS - CASH BASIS

As of September 30, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
ASSETS		
Cash and Investments	\$ 1,105,216	\$ 539,119
Total Assets	\$ 1,105,216	\$ 539,119
LIABILITIES AND TRUST FUND BALANCE		
Trust Fund Balance	\$ 1,105,216	\$ 539,119
Total Liabilities and Trust Fund Balance	\$ 1,105,216	\$ 539,119

EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, NATURAL RESOURCES DAMAGE
ASSESSMENT AND RESTORATION FUND

STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN TRUST FUND
BALANCE - CASH BASIS

For the Years Ended September 30, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
RECEIPTS		
Contributions:		
Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Investment Fund	\$ 14,317,244	\$ 13,047,954
Unobligated Balances Returned to NRDA&R:		
U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service	-	17,338
U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	425,887	473,102
Investment Income	35,658	2,207
Total Receipts	14,778,789	13,540,601
Disbursements		
U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management	11,173	-
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	6,773,974	5,806,774
U.S. Geological Survey	1,218,447	1,154,624
National Park Service	92,432	89,380
Office of the Secretary	36,869	46,870
U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service	114,391	45,830
U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	5,965,406	5,950,575
Total Disbursements	14,212,692	13,094,053
Excess of Receipts Over Disbursements	566,097	446,548
Trust Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	539,119	92,571
Trust Fund Balance, End of Year	\$ 1,105,216	\$ 539,119

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council
Anchorage, Alaska

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial statements of the State of Alaska Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Settlement Trust (Settlement Trust) as of and for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, as listed in the table of contents, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. I have performed compilation engagements in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. I did not audit or review the financial statements nor was I required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or the completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on these financial statements.

Management has elected to omit substantially all of the disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. If the omitted disclosures were included in the financial statements, they might influence the user's conclusions about the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council's financial position, results of operations, and cash flows. Accordingly, the financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

The accompanying financial statements of the Settlement Trust present only the Settlement Trust and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the State of Alaska or any of its component units as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, and the changes in its financial position, or, where applicable, its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.



October 10, 2024

EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL

STATE OF ALASKA - EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL SETTLEMENT TRUST
(A Special Revenue Fund of the State of Alaska)

BALANCE SHEETS

As of June 30, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
ASSETS		
Cash and Investments	\$ 30,735,823	\$ 2,024,749
Due from other funds	-	23,284,585
Total Assets	\$ 30,735,823	\$ 25,309,334
LIABILITIES		
Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	\$ 1,266,383	\$ 329,563
Due to State of Alaska General Fund	138,006	-
Total Liabilities	1,404,389	329,563
Fund Balance:		
Restricted for Development	29,331,434	24,979,771
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 30,735,823	\$ 25,309,334

EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL

STATE OF ALASKA - EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL SETTLEMENT TRUST
(A Special Revenue Fund of the State of Alaska)

STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN TRUST FUND BALANCE

For the Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
REVENUES		
Contributions - State of Alaska, <i>Exxon Valdez</i> Oil Spill Investment Fund	\$ 17,110,780	\$ 29,982,465
Interest and Investment Income (Loss)	1,023,710	(66,626)
Total Revenues	18,134,490	29,915,839
EXPENDITURES		
Current Operating and Capital:		
Natural Resources Damage Assessment and Restoration Projects - State of Alaska, Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development		
	6,302,531	11,720,959
Department of Fish and Game	5,065,644	1,172,274
Department of Natural Resources	2,365,603	583,557
Department of Environmental Conservation	49,049	-
Total Current Operating Expenditures	13,782,827	13,476,790
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	4,351,663	16,439,049
Trust Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	24,979,771	8,540,722
Trust Fund Balance, End of Year	\$ 29,331,434	\$ 24,979,771