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Re: Reopener for Unknown Injury

Dear Interested Alaskan:

The 1991 agreement settling the federal and state governments' civil claims against Exxon contains a provision entitled "Reopener for Unknown Injury." If all of the specific requirements of the Reopener provision are met, Exxon could be required to make additional payments totaling as much as \$100 million to fund specific restoration projects identified by the governments to address injuries that meet the Reopener criteria. An information sheet describing those criteria is attached.

Whether or not the Reopener is pursued will be decided by the state and federal governments. The State of Alaska, in recognition of the importance of this issue to its citizens, has arranged public meetings in three communities for the purposes of explaining the requirements of the Reopener provision and soliciting information from the public regarding continuing natural resource injuries, and ideas for restoration projects to address those injuries. I will participate in these meetings along with Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Kurt Fredriksson, Ocean Policy Coordinator for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Heather Brandon, and federal representatives. You have been identified for this mailing as someone who may be interested in contributing to this important process. Please feel free to distribute this mailing to anyone you believe may have valuable comments on this issue.

In addition to attending the public meetings, you are encouraged to submit comments in writing to:

Attorney General David W. Márquez
P.O. Box 110300
Juneau, AK 99811-0300

Or via email: reopener@law.state.ak.us

Before attending the meetings or submitting comments on continuing injury and restoration ideas, you are strongly encouraged to review a draft report entitled "2005 Assessment of Lingering Oil and Resource Injuries from the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill," which reviews the current status of injured resources, and the attached Reopener information sheet prepared by United States Fish and Wildlife Service. The draft report

is available through the following internet site: <http://www.evostc.state.ak.us/>.

Public Meeting Schedule:

Cordova: Thursday, April 6, 2006
5:30 PM – 8:30 PM
Eyak Masonic Hall
404 First Street
Cordova, AK 99574

Kodiak: Friday, April 7, 2006
5:30 PM – 8:30 PM
Kodiak Island Borough - Assembly Chambers
710 Mill Bay Road
Kodiak, AK 99615

Anchorage: Saturday, April 8, 2006
12:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Loussac Library Assembly Chambers
3600 Denali Street
Anchorage, AK 99503

If you do not have internet access and require a hard copy of the draft report referenced above, or if you have any inquiries regarding this issue, please contact the Attorney General's office at the address noted above.

I encourage you to pursue this opportunity to provide the trustee agencies with your input on this important issue.

Sincerely,



David W. Márquez
Attorney General

cc: Commissioner Kurt Fredriksson, ADEC
Commissioner McKie Campbell, ADF&G
Joe Meade, USFS
Jenifer Kohout, USFWS
Michael Baffrey, Interim Executive Director, EVOS Trustee Council