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Tina Hammer

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City Council Work Session
October 7, 2020 @ 6:00 pm
Cordova Center Community Rooms
Agenda

A. Call to order

B. Roll call

Mayor Clay Koplin, Council members Tom Bailer, Cathy Sherman, Jeff Guard, Melina Meyer, Anne Schaefer, David Allison, and David Glasen

C. Work Session topics

1. *A New Vision for EVOS* – presentation…….…….…. **(page 1)**
A Proposal for the Future of the Spill Impacted Region – In Perpetuity presented by the EVOS Think Tank of Citizens

D. Adjournment

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A New Vision for EVOS

A PROPOSAL FOR THE FUTURE OF THE SPILL IMPACTED REGION - IN PERPETUITY.

PRESENTED BY THE EVOS THINK TANK OF CITIZENS

31 Years: The Aftermath of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill

It has been 31 years since the oil spill. $900 million was initially awarded to the EVOS Trust to benefit of the spill-impacted communities and resilience of the habitat of the region.

Today, $188 million remains in the EVOS Trust.

EVOS Think Tank of Citizens

- ***Sheri Buretta***, chair of Chugach Alaska Corporation, the regional Alaska Native corporation in the spill area.
- ***Shauna Hegna***, president of Koniag, the Alaska Native regional corporation based in Kodiak.
- ***Mead Treadwell***, *f*ormer Alaska lieutenant governor and deputy commissioner of the State Department of Environmental Conservation.
- ***Marilyn Leland***, retired. She previously served as executive director of Cordova District Fishermen United and was a founding member and ultimately deputy director of the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council.
- ***Molly McCammon***, former executive director of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council, former chief of staff to three Alaska legislators, and deputy press secretary to Gov. Bill Sheffield.
- ***Diane Kaplan,*** president and CEO of Rasmuson Foundation.
- ***Phil Mundy***, retired. Most recently he served as laboratory director for National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries in Juneau. He served as a science advisor to the U.S. Department of Justice from the time of the spill until the formation of the Trustee Council.
- ***Ann Rothe***, nonprofit consultant. Former executive director of Trustees for Alaska and retired from the Alaska Conservation Foundation.
- ***Fran Ulmer***, former Alaska lieutenant governor and chancellor of the University of Alaska Anchorage. She was appointed to the Alaska Special Committee on the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill and to the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Commission.

Proposed Solution

To benefit the communities, peoples, and habitat of the spill impacted region in perpetuity.

EVOS Trustee Council

State Trustees

- Alaska Department of Fish & Game
- Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
- Alaska Department of Law *(Vacant)*

Federal Trustees

- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration/National Marine Fisheries Service
- United States Forest Service/United States Department of Agriculture
- United States Department of the Interior *(Vacant)*

Current plan is to spend EVOS Trust down to $0.

*** Trustee Council must vote unanimously to take any official action.*

Key Elements

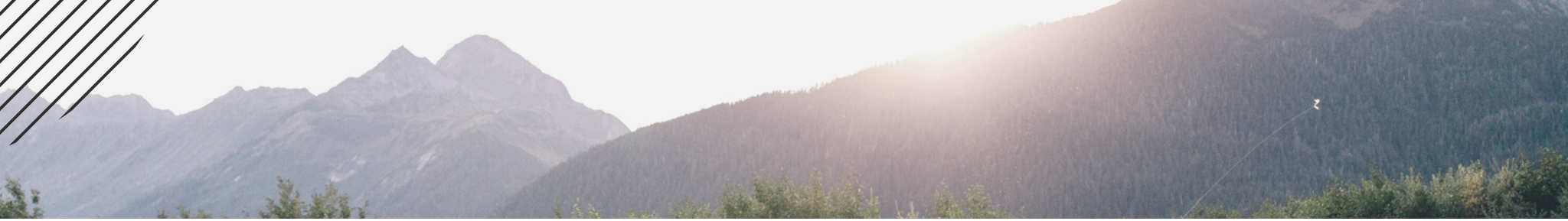
Transfer remaining assets into a permanent endowment to be managed for the benefit of the region, its communities and people in perpetuity.

Establish permanent annual endowments to critical entities providing scientific research, cultural preservation, and human services within the spill impacted region.

Allocate the remaining funds to a competitive and transparent grant program, with grant decisions recommended by a panel of experts (with representatives from the spill-impacted region). This will increase the pool of entities eligible for funding, while still meeting the guidelines of the EVOS Trust's establishing documents.

Recommended Uses
For The Research Subaccount

1. Continue funding the current 5-year research commitments.
    - Approx. $8 million as of FY20
2. Create operating endowments to ensure the regional research organizations can continue scientific and community focused work.
3. Establish an Ocean Research Fund at the Alaska Community Foundation.
    - Approx. $60-$70 million



Recommended Uses
For The Habitat Subaccount

1. $20 million for the Alutiiq Museum
2. $20 million to Chugach Heritage Foundation
3. Remaining funds should be used to support the following types of activities within the spill-affected region:
    - Water Habitat
    - Land Trusts
    - Land and Natural Resources
    - Education and Engagement
    - Human Service Infrastructure Restoration
    - Local Community Fisheries Vitality
    - Archeological and Cultural Restoration
    - Habitat Protection on Small Land Parcels

Benefits of A New Vision for EVOS

- Increased efficiency administering funds = more resources to heal the spill-impacted region.
- Increased transparency and simplicity in grant-application process for stakeholders and qualifying projects.
- Perpetual endowments that will continue supporting the work being done to restore the region's natural resources.

Support for a New Vision for EVOS

- Afognak Native Corportion
- Alaska Sealife Center
- Alutiiq Museum
- Chugach Alaska Corporation
- Koniag, Inc.
- Native Village of Port Lions
- Old Harbor Native Corporation
- Representative Don Young
- U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski
- U.S. Senator Dan Sullivan
- Seward Chamber of Commerce

Past & Upcoming Presentations

- Kodiak Community Foundation
- Cordova Community Foundation
- Alaska Chamber of Commerce
- Kodiak Chamber of Commerce
- Cordova Chamber of Commerce
- Cordova City Council

Supporting
A New Vision for EVOS

Submit a public comment of support to the EVOS Trustee Council via newvisionforevos.org or directly.

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Request a presentation to your company or organization!

Share *New Vision for EVOS* with your community and engage fellow stakeholders.

Author Letters to the Editor or an Opinion Editorial

Questions?

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