APPROVE RESOLUTION D!

In a bold and visionary decision the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council (EVOSTC) unanimously approved taking an ecosystem approach into consideration for their restoration and conservation decision-making.

OUR COMMUNITIES, FISHERMEN, BUSINESSES, SHAREHOLDERS AND TRIBAL MEMBERS

The entire region’s commercial and subsistence fishery was hit incredibly hard by the devastating 1989 Exxon Valdez Oil Spill. The impacts were financial, emotional, extreme and tragically unhealthy. These impacts are still felt today: the people and wildlife, have not fully recovered from the EVOS.

To have the Oil Spill Restoration Boundary stop on the western coastline (river right) of the Copper River does not make economic, nor scientific sense.

When the EVOSTC was created to oversee Exxon’s $900 million civil settlement, the EVOS Trustee Council was given the mandate to restore the environmental health of the oil spill region, and restoration was to be done on an ecosystem basis. But when geographic boundaries were created for the sake of restoration (in 1994), they were not drawn on an ecosystem basis—the Restoration Boundary arbitrarily ran down one side of the Copper River, leaving the eastern half of the Delta ecosystem completely off the restoration map.

NOTE THIS QUOTE IN RESOLUTION D:

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WE ALL KNOW THIS TO BE TRUE!

The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council made it clear they need to hear FROM YOU. To solidify this decision, they need your comments to APPROVE RESOLUTION D. Approval of Resolution D would allow the scope of the EVOSTC to enlarge and grow.

You can read other comments by clicking on the VIEW COMMENTS box at the bottom of the comment form.

COMMENT BY WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 11:59PM AST, 2020!

You can help protect and ensure the continuation of our fishery, sustainable economy and way of life.

Thank You!

Communication produced in collaboration with the Eyak Preservation Council and the Native Conservancy
Please submit comments supporting extension of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill (EVOS) Restoration Boundary by Wednesday, December 16th, 2020 11:59PM AST.

The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council (EVOSTC) is considering extending the oil spill restoration zone boundaries to include the Copper River Delta and the Bering River Coalfields.

The EVOS Trustees need to hear from the public - that means YOU. As you know, Prince William Sound and the Copper River Delta are one ecosystem that support one of the most important and valued wild salmon fisheries on Earth.

YOUR COMMENTS WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE!
Participate, and encourage others to comment now too!

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