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Ms. Elise Hsieh
Executive Director
Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council
4230 University Drive, Ste. 220
Anchorage, AK 99508-4650

Dear Ms. Hsieh,

I write to you to express my strong support for the Prince William Sound Science Center as it presents a proposal for construction of a new facility to the staff and trustees of the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council.

The *Exxon Valdez* oil spill forever changed Alaska's approach to monitoring and understanding oil in the marine environment. Through the rigorous work of the Prince William Sound Science Center, with robust support from the Trustee Council, the broad impacts of the spill have been documented, monitored, and analyzed in order to inform recovery strategies and revive the region's fisheries, seabirds, and marine mammal populations. I applaud both the Center and the Trustee Council for their dedicated scientific efforts over the past 29 years.

Over time, the Center has grown into its role as a valuable member of the community of Cordova—providing important education opportunities, scientific research in support of community resilience, and continued study into the impacts of oil on coastal and marine ecosystems. The Center's work hews closely to the mission of the Trustee Council itself: to undertake a restoration that contributes to a healthy, productive, and biologically diverse ecosystem within the spill area that supports the services necessary for the people who live in the area.

It is my hope that the Center will continue this important work at a new facility in Cordova, with your vital support.

Sincerely,


Lisa Murkowski
United States Senator

CITY OF CORDOVA



September 26, 2018

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council
c/o Elise Hsieh, Executive Director
4230 University Drive, Ste. 220
Anchorage, AK 99508-4650

Dear Trustee Council,

Few of us would have predicted that thirty years after the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill, there would still be oil buried in sediments on beaches in Prince William Sound; that some bird and marine mammal species would remain unrecovered; that the herring population, which collapsed post-spill, would not yet have rebounded. But this is the situation we are in—the astounding situation where species, assets, and services are still recovering from impacts of the spill.

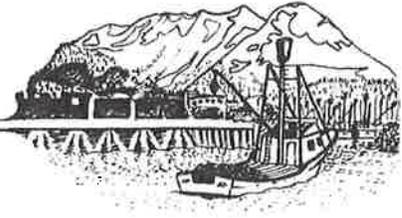
Your investment in long-term research has been critical to cataloguing and understanding the factors affecting recovery of populations and resources, and the Prince William Sound Science Center has been a key asset in those investigations. The Science Center has generated an enormous return on your research dollars, by raising additional funds for research focused in the spill-affected area equal to 85% of your investment.

I applaud the Trustee Council's mission, as until the ecosystem is recovered, our region will continue to incur economic losses as a result of the injured services and resources. Given that the recovery will continue over the upcoming decades, we need your continued investment in understanding the status of the injured resources and supporting their recovery. To that end, I urge you to provide robust funding to the Prince William Sound Science Center for construction of their new research and education facilities. They have been steadfastly building the body of knowledge around the spill-affected ecosystems to a greater extent than any other non-Trustee Agency entity in the region. As the city of Cordova pursues its harbor expansion plans, it is time for the Science Center to move out of the city-owned facilities it occupies and into facilities that will more robustly support their ability to complete integrated projects in the spill-affected area.

Thank you for your serious consideration of this request,

Clay Koplín
Mayor
City of Cordova

CITY OF CORDOVA



Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council
c/o Elise Hsieh, Executive Director
4230 University Drive, Suite 220
Anchorage, AK 99508

Re: Prince William Sound Science Center Funding Request

Dear Ms. Hsieh:

It is with great enthusiasm I submit this letter of support for the Prince William Sound Science and Technology Institute project and EVOSTC funding. As a community, we are confident of and understand the important impact a new Science Center campus will have in Cordova. The proposed Science Center project will generate a new synergy in the community, creating additional national recognition for their outstanding research work and the community of Cordova. The project will enhance partnerships, fostering joint efforts with the City of Cordova, the Copper River Watershed Project and other community partners.

My tenure in Cordova as the City Manager began in late 2016. The City Council immediately initiated a Strategic Planning effort, covering months of visioning work and priority setting. One of the priorities immediately endorsed, was an effort to find a suitable, permanent home for the Science Center. The Science Center project has been enthusiastically endorsed, understanding the vitally important restoration work, fisheries research, a strong collaborative community approach, strong national recognition for their research work and valuable economic impact.

As Cordova City Manager, I enthusiastically commit to Cordova's support of the Prince William Sound Science Center project and also commit our continued involvement and support to make the project a success. Timing is critical to coordinate ADOT, Science Center and City efforts, in the Shelter Cove area and the success of the project has far reaching, positive impacts for the City of Cordova and the region. Attached is the Cordova City Council Ordinance approving the sale of the property to the Science Center.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alan D. Lanning'. The signature is stylized and fluid.

Alan D. Lanning

**CITY OF CORDOVA
ORDINANCE 1168**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA,
AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND CONVEYANCE OF A.S.L.S. 2001-5 ACCORDING TO
THE PLAT NUMBER 2006-9 TO THE PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE, FOR \$50,000**

WHEREAS, pursuant to CMC 5.22.040, the Planning Commission made a recommendation to City Council and City Council directed the City Manager to directly negotiate with the Prince William Sound Science and Technology Institute to purchase A.S.L.S. 2001-5 (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Prince William Sound Science and Technology Institute is a nonprofit organization; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that pursuant to CMC 5.22.070(A), the Property may be disposed of at less than fair market value; and

WHEREAS, the purchase price of \$50,000 is less than the fair market value of the Property which serves as an in-kind contribution from the City of Cordova; and

WHEREAS, purchasing the property at less than fair market will enable the Prince William Sound Science and Technology Institute to grow and provide future economic contributions and diversity to the City of Cordova; and

WHEREAS, City Council finds that selling the property to the Prince William Sound Science and Technology Institute as authorized herein is in the best interest of the City; and

WHEREAS, there have been presented at this meeting a Development Plan, Purchase and Sale Agreement, and a Quitclaim Deed that are all to be executed in connection with the disposal of the Property by the City, and it appears that such documents are in appropriate form and are appropriate instruments for the purposes intended; and

WHEREAS, the draft Purchase and Sale Agreement and Quitclaim Deed are attached hereto.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Cordova, that:

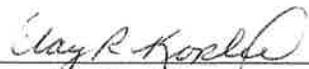
Section 1. The City Manager is authorized and directed to convey the Property to Prince William Sound Science and Technology Institute in accordance with the terms in the Purchase and Sale Agreement. The form and content of the Purchase and Sale Agreement, and Quitclaim Deed now before this meeting hereby are in all respects authorized, approved and confirmed, and the City Manager hereby is authorized, empowered and directed to execute and deliver such documents on behalf of the City, in substantially the form and content now before this meeting but with such changes, modifications, additions and deletions therein as he shall deem necessary, desirable or appropriate, the execution thereof to constitute conclusive evidence of approval of any and all changes, modifications, additions or deletions therein from the form and content of said documents now before this meeting, and from and after the execution and delivery of said documents, the City Manager hereby is authorized, empowered and directed to do all acts and things and to execute all documents as may be necessary to carry out and comply with the provisions of the documents as executed.

Section 2. The disposal of the Property authorized by this ordinance is subject to the requirements of City Charter Section 5-17; therefore, if one or more referendum petitions with signatures are properly filed within one month after the passage and publication of this ordinance, this ordinance shall not go into effect until the petition or petitions are finally found to be illegal and/or insufficient, or, if any such petition is found legal and sufficient, until the ordinance is approved at an election by a majority of the qualified voters voting on the question. If no referendum petition with signatures is filed, this ordinance shall go into effect one month after its passage and publication.

1st reading: March 21, 2018,
2nd reading and public hearing: April 4, 2018

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 4th DAY OF APRIL, 2018.





Clay R. Koplín, Mayor

ATTEST:



Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk

The Eyak Corporation
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September 25, 2018

Katrina Hoffman, President & CEO
Prince William Sound Science Center
300 Breakwater Ave
Cordova, AK 99574

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Re: A New Campus for the Prince William Sound Science Center

Dear Ms. Hoffman:

The Eyak Corporation (Eyak) is the Alaska Native Village Corporation for the Eastern Prince William Sound, Cordova and Copper River area established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. We have 550 shareholders, with approximately 100 living in Cordova. We are pleased to submit this letter of support for the Prince William Sound Science Center's (PWSSC) efforts to build a new campus in Cordova.

Eyak was on the frontlines of the Exxon Valdez disaster and we have witnessed first-hand the many scientific and research and education projects performed by the PWSSC. With the PWSSC's current lease expiring in 2021, time is of the essence in acquiring a new campus along the waterfront in Cordova. We have had positive discussions with PWSSC on co-locating offices in Cordova, on a parcel adjacent to one we are leasing, which has access to seawater for a heat pump.

A significant lead contribution by the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council to the PWSSC's capital campaign will engage foundations, corporations, and individuals to raise the funds needed to complete the project. The PWSSC has been a significant contributor to the resiliency and recovery of the Prince William Sound. With a new campus, the PWSSC will be positioned to continue those efforts for the benefit of the Prince William Sound ecosystem and communities.

Sincerely,
The Eyak Corporation

Rod Worl
Chief Executive Officer

Nancy C. Barnes
President

Martin Parsons
Board Chairman



September 24, 2018

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council
c/o Elise Hsieh, Executive Director
4230 University Drive, Suite 220
Anchorage, AK 99508

The purpose of this letter is to support Prince William Sound Science Center (PWSSC) in its request for funding assistance for a new facility located in Cordova, Alaska.

The City of Cordova approved the sale of 5 waterfront acres at Shelter Cove for PWSSC's new facility. The City has informed the Science Center that their lease will not be renewed after December 2021. The PWSSC must steadily and deliberately progress forward with their relocation plans. Early financial support from EVOSTC could be leveraged by the Science Center's capital campaign to help them reach their goal timely.

Understanding recovery from the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill requires the long-term research and monitoring in which PWSSC has specialized. PWSSC has significantly increased understanding of the physical, chemical, and biological structure and function of Prince William Sound and its relationship to the Gulf of Alaska, defining factors affecting injured resources and the status of injured and unrecovered resources in the EVOS affected area. New Facilities will reinforce EVOSTC's enduring legacy of recovery in Prince William Sound by providing EVOS research, education, and restoration opportunities for decades to come.

Copper River Prince William Sound Marketing Association has had opportunities to work with and contract with PWSSC and we look forward to an ongoing partnership well into the future. New state of the art facilities will allow this partnership to thrive.

Sincerely,

Christa Hoover
Executive Director, CR/PWSMA



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September 24, 2018

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council
c/o Elise Hsieh, Executive Director
4230 University Drive, Suite 220
Anchorage, AK 99508

RE: The proposed request from the Prince William Sound Science Center

Trident Seafoods encourages the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council to consider becoming the financial anchor supporter for Prince William Sound Science Center capital campaign to raise funds for their new facilities.

Trident Seafoods is committed to maintaining our sustainable fisheries and to the continued restoration of the spill effected areas of PWS. Research projects that provide information on our ever changing environment can provide valuable information for maintaining the systems that support a healthy ecosystem throughout PWS. Our business model is based on the long term resilience of the environment that fish need.

In addition to their research programs, PWSSC provides valuable education programs, both in and after school. Creating interest in natural sciences is important, our kids are the next generation of fishermen, biologist, resource managers, fisheries marketers and processors.

We actively support the efforts of PWSSC. Since 2010 Trident Seafoods has contributed over \$50,000 through our sponsorships and contributions. In addition, contribute seafood for their annual auctions and fundraising efforts. We are proud to support and be one of their sponsors.

The PWSSC is an asset to our community and we are hopeful that the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council will be able to support their upcoming campaign.

Sincerely,

Leo Vargas
Trident Seafoods
Cordova North Plant Manager

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