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Dr. Margaret Palmer is a Professor of Entomology and Biology at the University of Maryland where she oversees a scientific research laboratory with approximately 120 staff, 20 buildings, and a research fleet. She has over 25 years of experience in research and teaching on coastal ecosystems, watershed science, and stream ecology and restoration. Her past work includes leading a large team of scientists in developing the first national database on river restoration in the U.S., coauthoring a book on The Foundations of Restoration Ecology and serving as an expert advisor on the design of multiple stream and river restoration projects.

Lance Trasky is the owner of Lance Trasky and Associates an environmental consulting company. Mr. Trasky received a Bachelor of Science degree from Michigan State University and did his graduate studies in fisheries at Central Michigan University. Mr. Trasky is a fisheries and habitat biologist with over 32 years of experience in fisheries research and analyzing potential adverse affects of many types of activities on fish and fish habitat. From 1971 to 1974 he served as the Alaska Department of Fish and Games Commercial Fisheries Division salmon area research biologist for the Arctic and Yukon River. Since 1974 he worked for the ADF&G Habitat and Restoration Division in a series of research, planning, and management positions with increasing responsibilities. In 1977 he was promoted to supervisor of the Marine and Coastal Habitat Management section, and in 1980 was made Regional Supervisor for the South Western, and Western Regions of Alaska. In 1983 his responsibilities were expanded to include ADF&G's South Central Region. This included Cook Inlet, Bristol Bay, Prince William Sound, Kodiak Island, and the lower Yukon Kuskokwim River which are the major salmon producing areas of Alaska.

Dr. David Chambers is the president of the CENTER for SCIENCE in PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, a non-profit corporation formed to provide technical assistance on mining and water quality to public interest groups and tribal governments. Dr. Chambers has 35 years of experience in mineral exploration and development – 15 years of technical and management experience in the mineral exploration industry, and for the past 20 years he has served as an advisor on the environmental effects of mining projects both nationally and internationally. He has Professional Engineering Degree in Physics from the Colorado School of Mines, a Master of Science Degree in Engineering from the University of California at Berkeley, and is a registered professional geophysicist in California (# GP 972). Dr. Chambers received his Ph.D. in Environmental Planning from Berkeley where his doctoral dissertation analyzed the U.S. Forest Service's efforts to plan for and manage minerals on the National Forests.