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A Non-Profit, Public Interest, Environmental Law Firm

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DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES

Commissioner Harold Heinze
Alaska Department of Natural Resources
400 Willoughby Avenue
Juneau, Alaska 99801

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PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST

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Dear Mr. Heinze:

Trustees for Alaska, Alaska Center for the Environment, and Thomas Lokash hereby request information under the Alaska Public Records Act, AS 9.25.110. Please furnish us, within 10 working days of your receipt of this letter, with a copy of the following documents:

- a. Any and all economic, sociological and scientific studies generated to assess the damage to Alaskan lands, waters, flora, fauna, or residents (the "Damage Assessments") as a result of the grounding of the T/V Exxon Valdez on March 24, 1989 (the "Spill"), including, but not limited to, the post-mortem examination of dead marine mammals, birds or fish;
- b. Any and all correspondence, memoranda, and other documentation provided to the Alaska Legislature concerning the Spill settlement, including data describing those members of the Alaska Legislature to whom such information was distributed;
- c. Any and all correspondence, memoranda, and other documentation regarding the detection of mutagenic, carcinogenic, or toxic substances in areas affected by the Spill;
- d. Any and all correspondence, memoranda, and other documentation concerning the cost of removing the remaining oil from areas affected by the Spill; and
- e. Any and all correspondence, memoranda, and other documentation concerning the cost of restoring the areas affected by the Spill.

We also request that you provide us with a catalogue of the above referenced documents so that this information will be readily accessible to the public and their Legislative representatives.

In determining whether to honor this request, we refer you to Anchorage School District v. Anchorage Daily News, 779 P.2d 1191 (Alaska 1989) ("[A] public agency may not circumvent the statutory

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disclosure requirements by agreeing to keep the terms of a settlement confidential.")

If you withhold any portion of the requested documents, please identify the document and specify the exemption that applies and provide any guidance documents or legal opinions that support your interpretation.

If you determine that any of the requested documents, or portions of them, are exempt from release, please segregate those portions and release the remainder of the document.

We also request that you waive any applicable fees for material search and duplication, since furnishing this material will benefit the public. Trustees for Alaska is a non-profit, public interest environmental law firm. We will make information requested available to our members and the general public upon request.

Trustees is not seeking financial gain through this request and does not anticipate using the information received for financial gain. In the event that charges in excess of \$100.00 are anticipated meeting this request, please notify the undersigned of the appropriate cost before filling this request.

Trustees is representing all of the groups and individuals making this request. Your response to this request should be made to the undersigned.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Randall M. Weiner
Executive Director

Request made to below agencies
Commissioner Rosier
Commissioner Sandoz
Charles Cole