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**Michel E. Lincoln,**

*Acting Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### **Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Public Advisory Group; Request for Nominations**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary.

**ACTION:** Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Public Advisory Group Nomination Solicitation.

**SUMMARY:** The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council is soliciting nominations for the Public Advisory Group, which advises the Trustee Council on decisions related to the planning, evaluation, and conduct of injury assessment and restoration activities using funds obtained for purposes of restoration as part of the civil settlement pursuant to the T/V Exxon Valdez oil spill of 1989. Public Advisory Group members will be selected to serve a two-year term beginning in October 1998.

**DATES:** All nominations should be received on or before August 21, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Nominations should be sent to the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council, 645 G Street, Suite 401, Anchorage, Alaska 99501 (fax: 907/276-7178).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Douglas Mutter, Designated Federal Official, Department of the Interior, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance, 1689 "C" Street, Suite 119, Anchorage, Alaska, 99501, (907) 271-5011; or Cherri Womac, Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council, 645 G Street, Suite 401, Anchorage, Alaska, (907) 278-8012 or (800) 478-7745. A copy of the charter for the Public Advisory Group is available upon request.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Public Advisory Group was created by Paragraph V.A.4 of the Memorandum of Agreement and Consent Decree entered into by the United States of America and the State of Alaska on August 27, 1991 and approved by the United States District Court for the District of Alaska in settlement of *United States of America v. State of Alaska*, Civil Action No. A91-081 CV. The Public Advisory Group was created to advise the Trustee Council on matters relating to decisions on injury assessment, restoration activities or other use of natural

resources damage recoveries obtained by the governments.

The Trustee Council consists of representatives of the State of Alaska Attorney General; Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game; Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation; the Secretary of the Interior; the Secretary of Agriculture; and the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce. Appointment to the Public Advisory Group will be made by the Secretary of the Interior with unanimous approval of the Trustees.

The Public Advisory Group consists of 17 members representing the public at large (5 members) and the following special interests: aquaculture, commercial fishing, commercial tourism, forest products, environmental conservation, local government, Native landowners, recreation users, sport hunting and fishing, subsistence, and science/academic. Two additional ex officio non-voting members are from the Alaska State House of Representatives and the Alaska State Senate.

Nominees need to submit the following information to the Trustee Council:

1. A biographical sketch (education, experience, address, telephone, fax);
2. Information about the nominee's knowledge of the region, peoples or principal economic and social activities of the area affected by the T/V Exxon Valdez oil spill, or expertise in public lands and resource management;
3. Information about the nominee's relationship/involvement (if any) with the principal interest to be represented;
4. A statement explaining any unique contributions the nominee will make to the Public Advisory Group and why the nominee should be appointed to serve as a member;
5. Any additional relevant information that would assist the Trustee Council in making a recommendation; and
6. Answers to the conflict of interest questions listed below. Public Advisory Group members and their alternates are chosen to represent a broad range of interests. It is possible that action could be taken by the Public Advisory Group when one or more of the members have a direct personal conflict of interest which would prejudice and call into question the entire public process. To avoid this and to enable the Trustee Council to choose appropriate individuals as members and/or alternates to members, it is necessary that each nominee provide the following information with their information packet. If the answer to any of these

questions is yes, please provide a brief explanation of your answer. A yes will not necessarily preclude any nominee from being appointed to serve on the Public Advisory Group.

a. Do you, your spouse, children, any relative with whom you live or your employer have, or are you defending, a claim filed before any court or administrative tribunal based upon damages caused by the T/V Exxon Valdez oil spill?

b. Do you, your spouse, children, any relative with whom you live or your employer own any property or interest in property which has been, or is likely to be, proposed for acquisition by the Trustee Council?

c. Have you, your spouse, children, any relative with whom you live or your employer submitted, or likely will submit, a proposal for funding by the Trustee Council, or be a direct beneficiary of such a proposal?

d. Do you know of any other potential actions of the Trustee Council or the Public Advisory Group to have a direct bearing on the financial condition of yourself, your spouse, children, other relative with whom you live or your employer?

Dated: June 24, 1998.

**Willie R. Taylor,**

*Director, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### **Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Public Advisory Group; Notice of Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary is announcing a public meeting of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Public Advisory Group.

**DATES:** July 28, 1998, at 8:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Fourth floor conference room, 645 "G" Street, Anchorage, Alaska.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Douglas Mutter, Department of the Interior, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance, 1689 "C" Street, Suite 119, Anchorage, Alaska, (907) 271-5011.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Public Advisory Group was created by Paragraph V.A.4 of the Memorandum of

Agreement and Consent Decree entered into by the United States of America and the State of Alaska on August 27, 1991, and approved by the United States District Court for the District of Alaska in settlement of *United States of America v. State of Alaska*, Civil Action No. A91-081 CV. The agenda will include a discussion of the fiscal year 1999 Work Plan and a discussion of the restoration reserve fund. A public meeting on the Work Plan will be held Monday, July 27 at 7:00 p.m. at the same location.

Dated: June 24, 1998.  
**Willie R. Taylor**,  
*Director, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**  
**Bureau of Land Management Alaska**  
**[AK-962-1410-00-P]**  
**Notice for Publication Alaska Native Claims Selection**

In accordance with Departmental regulation 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that a decision to issue conveyance under the provisions of Sec. 14(e) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971, 43 U.S.C. 1601, 1613(e), will be issued to Doyon, Limited. The lands involved are in the vicinity of Tok, Alaska.

Serial Number	Approximate land description	Acreage
F-21904-81 .....	T. 21 N., R. 16 E., Copper River Meridian .....	11,484
F-21905-93 .....	T. 20 N., R. 15 E., Copper River Meridian .....	2,560
F-21905-94 .....	T. 20 N., R. 16 E., Copper River Meridian .....	7,440

A notice of the decision will be published once a week, for four (4) consecutive weeks, in the *Fairbanks Daily News-Miner*. Copies of the decision may be obtained by contacting the Alaska State Office of the Bureau of Land Management, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599 (907) 271-5960.

Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision, an agency of the Federal government, or regional corporation, shall have until July 30, 1998 to file an appeal. However, parties receiving service by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal. Appeals must be filed in the Bureau of Land Management at the address identified above, where the requirements for filing an appeal may be obtained. Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

**Elizabeth Sherwood**,  
*Land Law Examiner, ANCSA Team, Branch of 962 Adjudication.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**  
**National Park Service**  
**Draft Erie Canalway Report; Availability**

In accordance with Public Law 103-332, the National Park Service announces that the draft Erie Canalway report, a special resource study of the

New York State Canal System, including an environmental assessment, is available for public review and comment.

A special resource study is used by the National Park Service to evaluate a resource for national significance and to assess its suitability and feasibility for possible federal designation and further National Park Service involvement. Based on the results of this assessment, the study presents a range of possible management alternatives.

The draft Erie Canalway report, a special resource study of the New York State Canal System, is available for review at most local libraries throughout the canal corridor in Upstate New York. Copies are also available at the Boston Support Office of the National Park Service, 15 State Street, Attn: Ellen Levin Carlson, Boston, MA 02109. Call 617-223-5048 for further information. In addition, NPS staff will be participating in a number of meetings being sponsored by local community groups and institutions throughout the summer. Watch for local meeting notices in local newspapers and newsletters. Written comments will be accepted through August 3, 1998 at Boston Support Office, National Park Service, 15 State Street, Boston, MA 02109; Attn: Ellen Levin Carlson.

**Terry W. Savage**,  
*Superintendent.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**  
**National Park Service**  
**Notice of Meeting of the National Maritime Heritage Grants Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior  
**ACTION:** Notice of Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. Appendix (1988), that the National Maritime Heritage Grants Advisory Committee will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the following dates and at the following location.

**DATES:** July 22-24, 1998.  
**LOCATION:** Hall of States, 444 North Capitol Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kevin Foster, National Maritime Initiative (2280), National Park Service, 1849 C Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240. Phone: (202) 343-5969, Fax: (202) 343-1244.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Public Law 103-451 (16 U.S.C. 5401), established the National Maritime Heritage Grants Advisory Committee to advise the Secretary of the Interior on matters pertaining to the National Maritime Heritage Grants Program and the National Maritime Heritage Policy.

The purpose of this meeting is to review grant proposals and make funding recommendations to the Secretary and to discuss strategies for achieving the National Maritime Heritage Policy. The Committee will address general business, discuss grant