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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 3, 2018
TO: Legislative Budget and Audit Committee
FROM: David Teal, Director
SUBJECT: Preparation for the October 9, 2018 LB&A Meeting

OMB submitted the following FY19 RPL for consideration at the October 9, 2018 Legislative Budget and Audit Committee meeting. This RPL, along with Legislative Finance comments, is posted on our web site at <http://www.legfin.akleg.gov>.

RPL#	Agency	Subject	Amount	Fund Source
10-9-5001 Operating	Natural Resources	Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Outreach	\$140,712	Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trust (1018)

If you have any questions that you want an agency to address at the meeting, please call us so we can help ensure the agency has a response prepared.

**Department of Natural Resources
Parks and Outdoor Recreation
Parks Management & Access**

Subject of RPL: Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Outreach	ADN/RPL #: 10-9-5001
Amount requested: \$ 140,712	Appropriation Authority: Sec1 Ch17 SLA2018 pg28 ln21
Funding source: \$ 140,712 (1018 Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trust) Operating	Statutory Authority: AS 41.21.020

PURPOSE

The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council (EVOSTC) Public Advisory Committee requested that an outreach program be developed to educate and inform the public during the 30-year anniversary of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill event. EVOSTC has directed funding to the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation’s (DPOR) Interpretation and Education Unit to produce this outreach material for the anniversary. The funds will be used for personal services, travel, and contractual services to produce the final products including promotional material, handouts, and video clips. The completed products will satisfy the Public Advisory Committee’s request for an outreach program that highlights the work of the trustee council and the program's benefits to state and federal partners, and the general public.

PREVIOUS LEGISLATIVE CONSIDERATION

There are no prior legislative considerations for this project.

TIMING ISSUES

This funding was not included in the FY2019 budget because the EVOSTC authorized the funding during an irregularly scheduled trustee council meeting in spring of 2018 resulting in a short deadline for DPOR to complete the products by April 9, 2019. Approval of this authority is critical to complete and deliver the outreach products in time to comply with EVOSTC Resolution 18-01/Court Order 69 dictating this outreach work for the oil spill’s 30-year anniversary.

BUDGETARY ISSUES

This funding is a one-time allocation specific to the EVOSTC outreach efforts. There are no anticipated impacts to future budgets, including general funds. This funding is expected to fund approximately five to six months of four existing full-time positions to complete the products.

Delaying this work will result in failure to comply with EVOSTC Resolution 18-01/Court Order 69 for outreach efforts, to inform and educate the public of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill event and the accomplishments to date in addressing its impacts, and to produce the outreach products in time for the 30-year anniversary.

Work towards this project has already begun in order to collect data in preparation of initiating the development of these products.

Legislative Fiscal Analyst Recommendation: There are no technical issues with this RPL.

However, there are two items that may be of interest to committee members:

1. There is currently no EVOS funding in the Parks Management & Access allocation. Some may argue that (because this work is being done at the direction of EVOS) EVOS money

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should go to the EVOS allocation within Fish and Game, and then be transferred to Parks via an RSA. Creating this paper trail may be clearer than a direct appropriation to Parks Management, but is not necessary because the work falls into the scope of existing outreach that the DNR division performs.

2. The committee may wish to inquire about the use of money displaced by the EVOS funding. "Extra" funding could be recaptured in the supplemental process or left in DNR.