

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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Re: Trustee Approval of Adak Compliance Report

To whom it may concern,

This letter is to notify Adak Petroleum, LLC (“Adak Petroleum”), that the Department of Commerce (including the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration); the Department of the Interior (including the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service); the State of Alaska on behalf of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, the Alaska Department of Law, and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, collectively referred to as the “Trustees” of the “Adak Trustee Council,” have approved the attached Adak Compliance Report.

The report is in partial fulfillment of the restoration agreed upon by the Trustees and Adak Petroleum in response to the January 11, 2010, Adak Diesel Spill. After the Incident, the Trustees and Adak Petroleum entered into a cooperative natural resource damage assessment process pursuant to which the Parties independently planned and conducted a number of injury assessment activities. These activities included gathering and analyzing data and other information that the Trustees used to determine and quantify the resource injuries and damages. Because Adak Petroleum agreed to undertake restoration of the Incident Site, the Trustees developed a Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan/Environmental Assessment (DARP/EA), which describes the affected environment and illustrates potential restoration alternatives and their environmental consequences. The DARP/EA was made available for public comment in March 2013 and thereafter was finalized after response to comments.

The Trustees also worked with Adak Petroleum to develop the Helmet Creek Restoration and Monitoring Work Plan (hereinafter referred to as "the Work Plan"), attached as Appendix A to the Consent Decree entered into by the Parties and lodged in United States District Court on September 5, 2013, which outlines specific steps to be taken to restore natural resources injured by the oil spill and recover natural resource services lost as a result of the Incident. The Work Plan was finalized after the public comment period. The Adak Compliance Report describes the restoration conducted in compliance with the Work Plan, as well as initial monitoring conducted as also referenced in the Work Plan.

In sum, on behalf of the Trustees I hereby notify Adak Petroleum of the Trustees' acceptance of the report.

Sincerely,

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