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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION 93-128

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE *EXXON VALDEZ* OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL  
TO INCLUDE FUNDING FOR THE ALASKA SEA LIFE CENTER IN  
THE 1994 WORK PLAN**

**WHEREAS,** the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill demonstrated a lack of knowledge about the impact of oil on marine mammals and seabirds and a lack of facilities to deal with injured animals; and

**WHEREAS,** Alaska has no place to care for sick marine animals, study them under controlled conditions, or view them in their undersea environment; and

**WHEREAS,** in 1993, the Alaska Legislature appropriated from the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill restoration fund (Criminal restitution fund) \$12.5 million as a grant to the City of Seward "for development of the Alaska Sea Life Center as a recreation and marine mammals rehabilitation center and as a center for education and research related to the natural resources injured by the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill and to the prevention and amelioration of marine oil spills;" and

**WHEREAS,** the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA) has performed a due diligence study on the Alaska Sea Life Center's (ASLC) financial plan and feasibility study, and by unanimous adoption of Resolution A93-9 the AIDEA Board of Directors found the ASLC to be viable; and

**WHEREAS,** the ASLC would aid recovery of marine mammal and seabird populations injured by the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill through facilitating research on these species; and

**WHEREAS,** the rehabilitation program would directly aid the recovery of individual animals injured through the continuing affects of the spill; and

**WHEREAS,** the exhibits and educational programs of the center would benefit tourism by attracting visitors to the spill area, and income from the educational program would support the research and rehabilitation programs; and

**WHEREAS,** all biological resources, fish, and invertebrates, as well as marine mammals and

seabirds, would benefit from the exhibits and educational programs by expanding the public's awareness of the impacts of the spill; and


**WHEREAS,** the ASLC is included in the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Settlement Trustee Council's draft 1994 Work Plan Budget;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:**


**SECTION 1.** That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly urges the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council to include the Alaska Sea Life Center in its final 1994 Work Plan Budget.

**SECTION 2.** That copies of this resolution be sent to members of the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council.

**ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ON THIS 16th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1993.**

  
Betty J. Glick Assembly President

ATTEST:

  
Gaye D. Vaughan, Borough Clerk