

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

EXXON CORPORATION, EXXON  
SHIPPING COMPANY, and EXXON  
PIPELINE COMPANY, *et al., in personam,*  
and the T/V EXXON VALDEZ, *in rem,*

Defendants.

No. 3:91-cv-0082-HRH

ORDER

Case Status

The court is in receipt of the March 14, 2014, status report of the United States and the State of Alaska with respect to the “re-opener” provision of the Memorandum Agreement and Consent Decree. The parties report that the last of the research project final reports should be received in draft form by the end of March 2014, that the draft report will be peer reviewed over the next two months, and presumably will be finalized in June of 2014. The court understands that draft final reports with respect to sea otters and harlequin ducks have been received and will be peer reviewed. The court infers that this process should also be completed by June of 2014. The plaintiffs advise that they will be consulting with Exxon for purposes of discussing how to proceed with the plaintiffs’ “re-opener” claim.

With respect to further proceedings based upon the “re-opener” the court expects that the parties will first endeavor to resolve disagreements, if any, amongst themselves. If further proceedings in court become necessary, the court will require that the parties

propose a calendar for the resolution of any legal issues as a first order of business. If the plaintiffs' "re-opener" claims are not resolved upon legal issues, the court will call upon the parties to propose to the court a calendar for purposes of identifying fact issues, disclosure of evidence and witnesses, evidentiary hearing(s), and briefing of those matters.

Plaintiffs' next updated status report is due on or before October 15, 2014.

DATED at Anchorage, Alaska, this 20th day of March, 2014.

/s/ H. Russel Holland  
United States District Judge