Grant Awards - Fiscal Year 1998

Project: Update of "Darkened Waters" Exhibit

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Scope of Work:

The Pratt Museum is pleased to accept the Oil Spill Recovery Institute's offer to underwrite Beyond the Season of Dead Water in the amount of $17,000. Since the original proposal was based upon a request for $34,413, some elements of the project will be cut to allow us to proceed with updating and the associated public outreach. If additional funding sources become available in a timely manner, elements deleted from the project may be revisited. The following methods will be used to meet project goals as outlined in the original February 13, 1998 proposal:

1. Use Darkened Waters: Profile of an Oil Spill, the only comprehensive exhibit on the Exxon Valdez spill, as a focus for public examination of issues relating to society’s development, transportation, and use of petroleum.
2. Provide a focus through Darkened Waters to examine the insights provided since the spill by research, traditional ecological knowledge, and personal experience.
3. Exhibit Darkened Waters within the spill area through the summer of 1999, starting at the Seward UAF Seward Marine Education Center in conjunction with the opening of the Alaska SeaLife Center.
4. Update both the traveling and permanent (Homer) versions of Darkened Waters.
5. Seek a permanent Alaskan site for Darkened Waters as a memorial to the region and people affected by the spill.

Exhibit Tour

Darkened Waters will be exhibited in the spill area through the summer of 1999. It is presently in Seward at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences Seward Marine Education Center adjacent to the Alaska SeaLife Center. It is now proposed that the exhibit remain at Seward through the summer of 1999 rather than move to the Juneau Marine Center. An alternative plan would be to take Darkened Waters to Cordova for the 10th anniversary of the spill in the event that a suitable site could be found there. The permanent version of Darkened Waters will remain at the Pratt Museum during this period.