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**Workshop: Best Practices for Migratory Bird Care During Oil Spill Response**

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**Scope of Work:**

It has been eleven years since the Exxon Valdez disaster, the largest oil spill in U.S. history and very likely the worst spill anywhere in terms of environmental damage. What has been learned about documenting and assessing the environmental impacts of such a massive spill? This is a question of great significance for Alaskans concerned with the recovery of marine species, wildlife, and systems affected by the oil spill, as well as for those charged with responding to future disasters of this kind in Alaska and around the world. Drawing on extensive experience in researching and developing standards/protocols, process design and workshop facilitation and logistics, Horizon Mediation Services, Production Plus, and Alaska Training and Consulting are uniquely suited to assist the Prince William Sound Oil Spill Recovery Institute as it prepares to develop Oiled Wildlife Rehabilitation Standards / Protocols for the prevention of migratory bird oiling and for capturing, stabilizing, and treating oiled migratory birds following an oil spill. A final workshop summary report of draft standards/protocols agreed upon by workshop participants will be developed and will include differing perspectives and other relevant recommendations and conclusions such as suggested areas of future research. The report will be distributed to workshop participants, other interested parties, and the PWSOSRI Steering Committee. In this proposal, we envision a workshop design and process that is clean, inclusive, lively, highly participatory, learning-oriented and geared to building consensus in the development and agreement upon standards. We will facilitate and document the process, helping participants to articulate and clarify their joint goals, to create an information rich environment and to help participants be prepared to discuss and reach consensus on recommendations for standards and future research. We will include participants in the process of shaping the workshop through mid-process assessments. We will prepare meeting notes and a summary document that is useful, concise, and well-written to serve as a reference for agencies, resource managers, scientists, communities and the general public.