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Guide to Collection

**Nelson, Steve**

**Exxon Valdez Papers, 1987-1990**

**MS 292**

1 box

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**ACQUISITION:** This collection was donated by Steve Nelson to the Alaska State Library Historical Collections, November 21, 2011. Accession #2015-030. A separate donation to the Alaska State Archives was made by Governor Cowper's office March, 1989.  
*See also:* AV 025 - Exxon Valdez Video Collection, 1987-1990.

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## HISTORICAL NOTE

On March 24, 1989, the tanker Exxon Valdez grounded on Bligh Reef in Alaska's Prince William Sound. The accident ruptured the ship's hull and spilled nearly 11 million gallons of oil into the Sound. Prior to the spill, that area of Prince William Sound was a biologically and economically productive body of water and shoreline.

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Steve Nelson filmed, edited, produced, and compiled Exxon Valdez spill-related footage for Governor Steve Cowper's Office. He worked for the Governor's office on all other projects in this collection as well, with the exception of some of the publications.

## SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

Guides and documents accompanying the 104 Video Recordings (AV 025) related to the Exxon Valdez oil spill, 1989-1991, documented by the State of Alaska Governor's Office. The guides are descriptions of the 335 VHS tapes and 2,018 slides located in the Alaska State Archives, Record Group 348 Series 612.

## INVENTORY

### **Box 1** of 1

#### Folder 1

1. Memorandum  
From: Steve Hole, Acting Commissioner, Dept. of Education. December 31, 1990  
To: Max Hodel, Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor  
Subject: Governor's Office Press Secretary Records
2. Governor's Office. AP Alaska news summary, September 12, 1990  
Coast Guard, Exxon Extol 1990 Oil-Spill Cleanup, by Mark Baumgartner
3. Word Watch by Anne H. Soukhanov., June 1990
4. Alaska Oil & Gas Association advertisement. Carl Heinmiller, former Magistrate, Haines.
5. Composite overview of oil spill tracking from March 24, 1989. State of Alaska Dept. of Environmental Conservation [Map].
6. Alaska DEC Shoreline Impact Surveys, 11 September to 19 October, 1989. Prince William Sound Post Treatment Survey.

Folder 2

7. Exxon Valdez Claim Settlement
  - Special Committee: Meeting of the House Special Committee on the Exxon Valdez Claim Settlement, March 21, 1991
  - HR 4
  - HCR 19
  - Settlement
  - Overview
  - Sec. Analysis Consent Decree
  - Issues
  - Issue Requests
  - Media
    - Newspaper clippings
    - Federal Register, March 19, 1991 Part III Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Settlement Agreement Concerning Exxon Valdez Oil Spill...

Folder 3

8. Special Report: Wreck of the Exxon Valdez. *Audubon*, September 1989.
9. Special Oil Spill Issue. *Alaska Fish & Game*. July-August 1989.

Publications: Guides to video recordings and slides

Oil Spill Video Footage

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Oil Spill Pictures Group 1

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