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Leo - - sorry I didn't get this out to you the same day. Anyway, here is an excerpt from the 1996 water quality assessment report that we do for Alaska. In '96, Hammer Slough was moved off the 303(d) list of impaired waters. It was placed on our Tier III, which is a designation we use to track and monitor waters.

Anyway, I'll say it again: Hammer Slough is not on the list and hasn't been on the list since 1996. It did get put on Tier III because there was some follow-up work items to do – as of now those items have been done.

Anyway, I am setting about having the file copied for you as you requested – so look for that in the mail soon.

Call me with any questions or problems – hope this helps.

- drew

DREW

Alaska's 1996
Water Quality Assessment Report

Clean Water Act Section 305(b) and Section 303(d) Submittal
to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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WATER QUALITY-LIMITED WATERBODIES NOT SECTION 303(d) LISTED WHICH WILL BE TRACKED AND MONITORED

TIER III Water quality-limited waterbodies which have implemented waterbody recovery plans (such as approved TMDLs that are in the process of being implemented through permits or other control mechanisms).
H-South Unalaska Bay*
H-Lemon Creek*
H-Vanderbilt Creek *
M-Hammer Slough
M-Nearshore Beaufort Lagoons
M-Captain's Bay
L-Exxon Valdez Waterbodies
L-Fubar Creek
L-Gibson Cove
L-Sawmill Creek

* = Waterbodies with approved TMDLs (Total Maximum Daily Load) for a specified pollutant.

H = High Priority
M = Medium Priority
L = Low Priority

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ALASKA'S WATER QUALITY-LIMITED WATERBODIES NOT SECTION 303(d) LISTED
Tier III

Alaska ID Number	Waterbody	Location	Pollutant Parameters	Pollutant Sources	Narrative Explanation
30102-605	Captain's Bay	Unalaska Island	Settleable Solids	Seafood Processing	This waterbody was placed on the 1994 Section 303d list for settleable solids because the data used for the 1994 list indicated that the established zone of deposit for the discharger was being exceeded. Recent monitoring data evaluated by the ADEC has resulted in the conclusion that the discharger is currently meeting zone of deposit requirements and the waterbody is recovering. However, because of the extent of the processing activity within Captain's Bay, this waterbody still qualifies as water quality-limited (water quality standards may be exceeded within the next two years), and will be tracked and monitored by ADEC and EPA. However, if monitoring continues to indicate compliance with water quality standards, this waterbody will not be "water quality-limited" by the next listing cycle and will be placed on Tier IV at that time.
N/A	Exxon Valdez Waterbodies	Prince William Sound/Alaska Peninsula	Petroleum Products	Exxon Valdez Crude Oil Spill	The Exxon Valdez affected beaches and adjacent marine waters were not placed on the 1994 or 1996 Section 303d list because a TMDL process would have unnecessarily duplicated efforts of the Exxon Valdez Trustee Council and restoration projects specified in the Exxon Valdez Restoration Plan. The restoration plan, which includes the phases of injury assessment, restoration, replacement, enhancement of natural resources, and acquisition of equivalent resources, provides long-term guidance for restoring the natural resources and shorelines injured by the oil spill. Scientists and agency representatives funded through approved restoration funds will continue to track and monitor recovery of the natural resources impacted by the oil spill.
10103-031	Fubar Creek	Prince of Wales Island	Sediment	Timber Harvest	Fubar Creek was not placed on the 1994 or 1996 Section 303d list because the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) provided documentation that a decision had been made to defer timber harvest for five to eight years in the watershed and the USFS has been active in stabilizing land disturbances from both past management practices and natural events. The USFS and ADEC will continue to monitor the recovery of this waterbody.
20701-605	Gibson Cove	Kodiak	Seafood Residue	Seafood Processing	Gibson Cove was not placed on the 1994 or 1996 Section 303d list because information from EPA's National Primary Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES) group reported that all seafood waste effluent has been diverted away from Gibson Cove. With the elimination of discharges into Gibson Cove, this waterbody is expected to recover with no additional controls.
10202-006	Hammer Slough	Mitkof Island	Sediment	Urban Gravel Mining	This waterbody was placed on the 1994 Section 303d list for sediment. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) has indicated that excessive siltation was occurring in the Slough as a result of runoff from the state rockpit, city dirt roads and the city yard. A March 1996 inter-agency site inspection of the watershed with representatives from ADEC, ADFG, City of Petersburg, and DOT/PF determined pollutant sources, responsible parties, and a remediation schedule to be completed by Summer 1996. Existing controls are expected to meet water quality standards by Summer 1996.