

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

RESOLUTION #17-42

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ,  
ALASKA, SUPPORTING THE MEALS HILL CONSERVATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, Great Land Trust is working cooperatively with the private landowner, and the State and Federal governments, and seeks to permanently protect approximately 184 acres in the area known as Meals Hill; and

WHEREAS, Meals Hill is a prominent landscape feature in Port Valdez providing scenic open space, habitat and recreational opportunities near downtown Valdez and is adjacent to the Valdez Ferry Terminal, 0.3 miles from the Valdez Small Boat Harbor, and 2.5 miles north, directly across Port Valdez from the Valdez Marine Terminal at the end of the Trans Alaskan Pipeline System; and

WHEREAS, Funding for completion of this project is being requested from the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council (EVOSTC); and

WHEREAS, the Meals Hill property would be acquired and permanently protected in furtherance of the restoration objectives of the EVOSTC; and

WHEREAS, before the property is acquired detailed due diligence will be conducted including a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment; and

WHEREAS, Once acquired, the property would be managed for protection of habitat utilized by spill affected species and public access for recreation, and habitat values, and would provide highly valued new recreational and tourism opportunities in Valdez.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, that

The City Council of the City of Valdez supports the acquisition and permanent protection of the Meals Hill property with habitat funding from the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council. The permanent protection of Meals Hill for recreation, tourism and habitat values will benefit the City of Valdez.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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Ruth E. Knight, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk

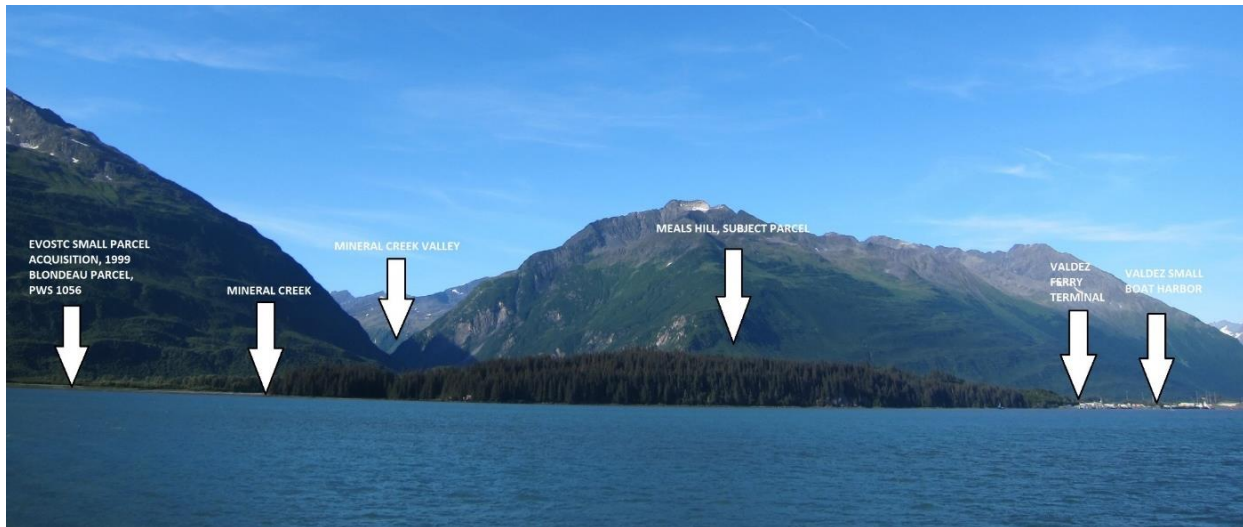


Photo: Meals Hill and surrounding land as viewed from the Alaska Marine Highway ferry, Aurora, approaching the Ferry Terminal in Port Valdez.



Photo: Meals Hill property contains one mile of coastline adjacent to continuous kelp beds.



Photo: Meals Hill showing coastline, coastal forest, gravel road to viewpoint and proximity to Valdez.



Photo: Coastal rain forests on the subject property across Port Valdez from the Valdez Marine Terminal at the end of the Trans Alaskan Pipeline System.

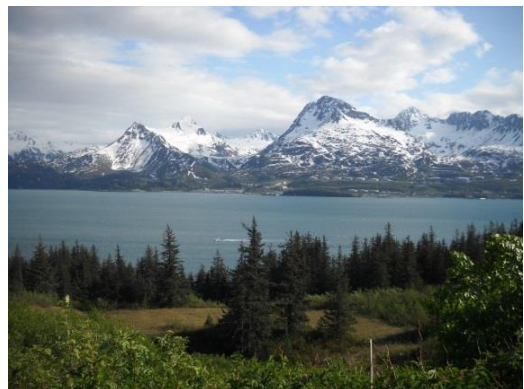
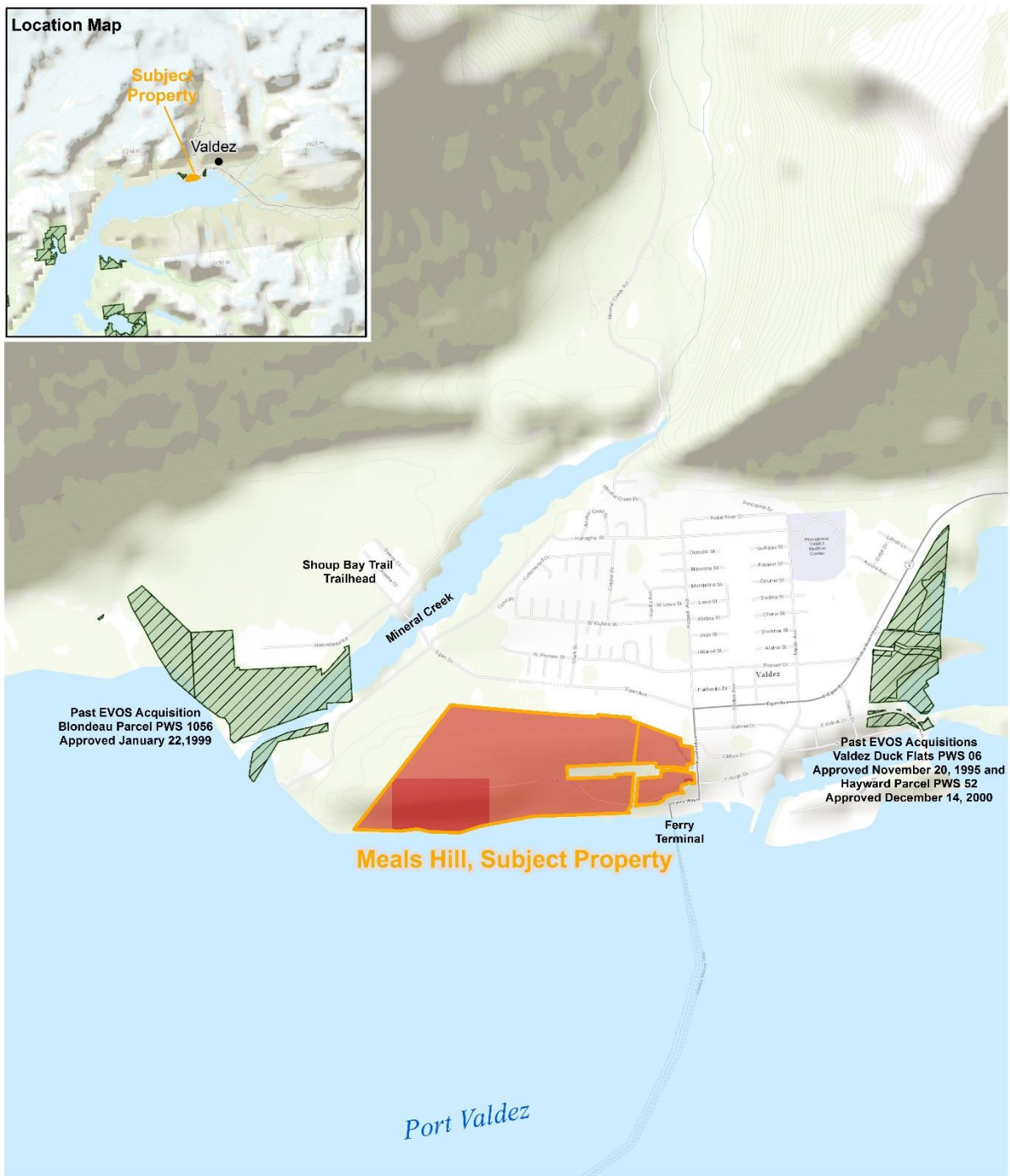


Photo: View from top of Meals Hill across Port Valdez to the Valdez Marine Terminal at the end of the Trans Alaskan Pipeline System.



### Meals Hill property, City of Valdez

Past EVOS Action

#### EVOS Habitat Scoring

Low High

0 0.5 1 Miles

**Great Land Trust**  
**EVOS Habitat Prioritization**



