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## Exxon plaintiffs vie for public support

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ANCHORAGE, Alaska -- Plaintiffs in the Exxon Valdez civil case have launched a public relations campaign as the United States Supreme Court prepares to hear arguments in a legal fight that has dragged on almost 20 years.

The plaintiffs have launched a new website called "Whole Truth," which is managed by two groups, Cordova District Fishermen and Prince William Sound Keeper.

The website includes testimonials from several victims of the 1989 oil spill.

Organizers, like Jennifer Gibbins, said they want Exxon held accountable for the \$2.5 billion punitive damage award.

They also want victims' voices to be heard.

"When people and the public start to hear from the voices of the actual victims of the spill they really start to understand what has happened and they start to see the human element to what is going on here," Gibbins said.

Next month marks the 19th anniversary of the spill.

The Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in the case Feb. 27.

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