

EVOS ANNUAL PROJECT REPORT

All recipients of funds from the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council must submit an annual project report in the following format by September 1 of each fiscal year for which project funding is received, with the exception of the final funding year in which a final report must be submitted. Satisfactory review of the annual report is necessary for continuation of multi-year projects. Failure to submit an annual report by September 1 of each year, or unsatisfactory review of an annual report, will result in withholding of additional project funds and may result in cancellation of the project or denial of funding for future projects.

PLEASE NOTE: Significant changes in a project's objectives, methods, schedule, or budget require submittal of a new proposal that will be subject to the standard process of proposal submittal, technical review, and Trustee Council approval.

Project Number:040614/A

Project Title: Monitoring program for near-surface temperature, salinity, and fluorescence fields in the Northeast Pacific Ocean: Transition to an operational program

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Time Period Covered by Report: August 2003 – August 2004

Date of Report: 16 August 04

1. **Work Performed:** Summarize work performed during the reporting period, including any results available to date and their relationship to the original project objectives. Describe and explain any deviation from the original project objectives, procedural or statistical methods, study area, or schedule. Also describe any known problems or unusual developments, and whether and how they have been or can be overcome. Include any other significant information pertinent to the project.

The thermosalinograph (TSG) has been operating continuously over the past year. The fluorometer was installed and began collecting data on 27 February 04. The T/V Polar is going into dry dock for repairs and maintenance and will be out of service for approximately 2-3 months.

2. **Future Work:** Summarize work to be performed during the upcoming year, if changed from the original proposal. Describe any proposed changes in objectives, procedural or statistical methods, study area, or schedule. [**PLEASE NOTE:** Significant changes in a project's objectives, methods, schedule, or budget require submittal of a new proposal that will be subject to the standard process of proposal submittal, technical review, and Trustee Council approval.]

The TSG/fluorometer will continue to acquire data.

3. **Coordination/Collaboration:** Describe efforts undertaken during the reporting period to achieve the coordination and collaboration provisions of the proposal, if applicable.

The TSG data has been provided to Sonia Batten for comparison with her continuous plankton recorder data. She will be giving a presentation on these data at the 2004 EPOC meeting.

4. **Community Involvement/TEK & Resource Management Applications:** Describe efforts undertaken during the reporting period to achieve the community involvement/TEK and resource management application provisions of the proposal, if applicable.

N/A

5. **Information Transfer:** List (a) publications produced during the reporting period, (b) conference and workshop presentations and attendance during the reporting period, and (c) data and/or information products developed during the reporting period. [**PLEASE NOTE:** Lack of compliance with the Trustee Council's data policy and/or the project's data management plan will result in withholding of additional project funds, cancellation of the project, or denial of funding for future projects.]

a) none

b) **Okkonen, S.R. Gulf of Alaska Ecosystem Monitoring and Research Program: Near-surface temperature and salinity in the North Pacific Ocean. Marine Science in Alaska, 2004 Symposium. January 12-14, 2004, Anchorage, Alaska.**

Batten, S., S.R. Okkonen, T.C. Royer, and D.Welch. Gulf of Alaska circulation and large-scale plankton distributions. EPOC 2004, 22-25 September 2004, Vancouver Island, Canada.

c) no specific products

6. **Budget:** Explain any differences and/or problems between actual and budgeted expenditures, including any substantial changes in the allocation of funds among line items on the budget form. Also provide any new information regarding matching funds or funds from non-EVOS sources for the project. [**PLEASE NOTE:** Any request for an increased or supplemental budget must be submitted as a new proposal that will be subject to the standard process of proposal submittal, technical review, and Trustee Council approval.]

No budget issues at this time.

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