

EVOSTC ANNUAL PROJECT REPORT

Recipients of funds from the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council must submit an annual project report in the following format by Sept. 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). Please help ensure that continued support for your project will not be delayed by submitting your report by Sept. 1. Timely receipt of your report allows more time for court notice and transfer, report review and timely release of the following year's funds.

Satisfactory review of the annual report is necessary for continuation of multi-year projects. Failure to submit an annual report by Sept. 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

Project Title:Monitoring Program in the NE Pacific Ocean

PI Name:Stephen Okkonen

Time period covered:1 Sept 05 - 1 Sept 06

Date of Report:23 Sept 06

Report prepared by:Stephen Okkonen

Project website (if applicable):

Work Performed: Summarize work performed during the reporting period, including any results available to date and their relationship to the original project objectives. Explain deviations 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 most significant event of the past year was the removal of the thermosalinograph (TSG) from the T/V Polar Alaska in May of this year. The removal was dictated by the pending removal of the Polar Alaska from tanker service. Inquiries made to Horizon shipping and to Tote shipping to see if either company would be willing to have the TSG deployed on one of their company's vessels were not favorably received.

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

My project is set to end 30 Sept 06.

I am requesting a no cost extension of the project so that I can analyze the remaining data and prepare a manuscript for submission to a peer-reviewed journal.

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

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.

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. *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.*

Data from the TSG was used by UAF graduate student in a poster presentation at the Marine Science in Alaska Symposium.

Janout, M., S. Okkonen, T. Weingartner, T. Royer. Yakutat eddies and shelf/slope exchange in the coastal Gulf of Alaska. Marine Science in Alaska, 2006 Symposium. January 22-25, 2006, Anchorage, Alaska.

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. *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.*

I believe that I have some funds remaining in the project budget and am requesting that they be carried over for a no-cost extension of my project.

We can accept your annual report as a digital file (Microsoft Word or WordPerfect), with all figures and tables embedded. Acrobat Portable Document Format (PDF) files (version 4.x or later) are also acceptable; please do not lock PDF files or include digital signatures.

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*We appreciate your prompt submission of your annual report
and thank you for your participation.*

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