

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:..... ***070751***

Project Title:..... ***Prince William Sound Marine Bird Surveys, Synthesis and Restoration***

PI Name:..... ***David Irons***

Time period covered:..... ***January September 2007***

Date of Report:..... ***September 6, 2007***

Report prepared by:..... ***David Irons***

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.

We successfully completed two surveys of marine birds in Prince William Sound, a winter survey completed in March and a summer survey completed in July. Weather was bad during the winter survey and caused delays for several days. Data has not been analyzed yet, but anecdotal from the observers suggest that the Kittlitz's murrelet population was quite low during the summer.

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.*

We submitted a proposal and hope to receive funding for data entry, analyses, and report writing. Money for the report writing was not included in this proposal due to confusion between the PI and the Trustee Council (see Budget section).

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

All data will be entered into the USGS/USFWS North Pacific Pelagic Seabird Database.

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.

We contracted with individuals in Whittier to haul gas to remote locations throughout the Sound.

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 management will compile with the Trustee Councils; data management policies.

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.

The price of gas increased and reduced the money available for a charter vessel to be used during the summer survey so the crew camped instead and gas was hauled out on a barge. Bad winter weather increased the time period of the winter survey by several days, again stressing the budget.

There was confusion concerning funding for the report writing when this proposal was submitted. When we have done this survey in the past (7 times), it would always be a two year project; we would receive funding in year 1 for the survey and funding in year 2 for the report. I was under the impression that I could not request money for two years when I submitted the proposal so I altered an earlier copy of a multi-year proposal that I wrote and removed the funding for the report writing. I also removed the objective of the report writing from the abstract, objectives, and Measurable Project Tasks, but I accidentally left it in the Milestones and the Budget Justification. At the time I planned to submit a proposal the following year for the report writing, which I just did recently.

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.

Please submit reports electronically in [ProjectView](#) or by email to mandy.migura@alaska.gov. Also, please be sure to post your annual report on your own website, if you have one.



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

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