## 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: 070811

Project Title: Prince William Sound Herring Forage Contingency

PI Name: Thomas Kline

Time period covered: FY07

Date of Report: August 2, 2007

Report prepared by: Dr. Tom Kline

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.

- Funding commenced in March, retroactive to include attendance at 2007 Alaska Marine Science Symposium.
- The P.I. and post-doc attended the January 2007 Alaska Marine Science Symposium in Anchorage
- Two cruises were conducted, one in March to collect herring and one in May to collect zooplankton. These are described in the Interim Progress Report July 2007.
- Unlike previous years, an ocean class research vessel was not available to colleagues working on another project so we had to add two days to our planned spring cruise to accomplish Gulf zooplankton sampling per project objectives.
- Lab processing of samples is in progress.

**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

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• Nothing different other than the need for us to provide our own vessel support for Gulf sampling for spring zooplankton cruise as described in the Interim Progress Report July 2007.

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

• Field work sampling for herring involved collaboration with the project being led by Dr. Thorne.

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

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.

• Participation through an oral presentation is planned for at the 2008 Alaska Marine Science Symposium

**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.

## N/A

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