



August 24, 2016

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Dear Elise:

**Final FY 2017-2021 Proposal Submittal for Long-term Monitoring**

**17120114-H. Nearshore Ecosystems in the Gulf of Alaska**

Gulf Watch Alaska, the long-term monitoring program of the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council (EVOSTC), has finalized our program and project proposals for fiscal years 2017-2021 funding based on comments received from EVOSTC's Science Panel on May 19, 2016. Below is the final budget summary and response to Science Panel comments for the Nearshore project.

**EVOSTC Funding Requested (including 9% GA)**

FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	TOTAL
\$401,900	\$452,700	\$411,400	\$402,200	\$402,800	\$2,071,000

**Non-EVOSTC Funding Available**

FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	TOTAL
\$410,000	\$410,000	\$410,000	\$392,000	\$392,000	\$2,014,000

**Science Panel comment:** *The Panel has no project specific comments.*

**PI Response:**

- The proposal was not revised.

Sincerely,

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Gulf Watch Alaska Program Lead designate

Attachment: Gulf Watch Alaska: Nearshore Component Project Proposal: 17120114-H—  
Nearshore Ecosystems in the Gulf of Alaska

**EVOSTC FY17-FY21 INVITATION FOR PROPOSALS  
PROGRAM PROJECT PROPOSAL SUMMARY PAGE**

**Project Title**

Gulf Watch Alaska: Nearshore Component Project:  
17120114-H—Nearshore ecosystems in the Gulf of Alaska

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**Project Abstract**

Nearshore monitoring in the Gulf of Alaska (GOA) provides ongoing evaluation of the status and trend of more than 200 species, including many of those recovering from the 1989 *Exxon Valdez* oil spill (EVOS). The monitoring design includes spatial, temporal and ecological features that support inference regarding drivers of change through testing of alternative hypotheses. Examples of the application of the monitoring design include assessment of change in sea otter populations related to EVOS recovery and density dependent factors; and assessment of the relative roles of static versus dynamic drivers in structuring benthic communities. Continued monitoring will allow for a better understanding of variation in the nearshore ecosystems across the GOA and a more thorough evaluation of the status of spill injured resources. This information will be critical for anticipating and responding to ongoing and future perturbations in the region, as well as providing for global contrast.

**EVOSTC Funding Requested (must include 9% GA)**

FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	TOTAL
\$401.9	\$452.7	\$411.4	\$402.2	\$402.8	\$2,071.0

**Non-EVOSTC Funding Available**

FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	TOTAL
\$410.0	\$410.0	\$410.0	\$392.0	\$392.0	\$2,014.0

## 1. Executive Summary

Nearshore marine ecosystems face significant challenges at global and regional scales, with threats arising from both the adjacent lands and oceans. An example of such threats was the 1989 grounding of the T/V *Exxon Valdez* in Prince William Sound (PWS). An important lesson arising from this event, as well as similar events around the world, was that understanding the structure and function of the ecosystem and the composition and abundance of species is essential when responding to and managing present and anticipated threats.

The nearshore is broadly recognized as highly susceptible and sensitive to a variety of natural and human disturbances on a variety of temporal and spatial scales (reviewed in Valiela 2006, Bennett et al. 2006, Dean and Bodkin 2006). For example, observed changes in nearshore systems have been attributed to such diverse causes as global climate change (e.g., Barry et al. 1995, Sagarin et al. 1999, Hawkins et al. 2008, Hoegh-Guldberg and Bruno 2010, Doney et al. 2012), earthquakes (e.g., Baxter 1971, Noda et al., 2015), oil spills (e.g., Peterson 2001, Peterson et al. 2003, Bodkin et al. 2014), human disturbance and removals (e.g., Schiel and Taylor 1999, Crain et al. 2009, Fenberg and Roy 2012), and influences of invasive species (e.g., Jamieson et al. 1998, O'Connor 2014). Nearshore systems are especially good indicators of change because organisms in the nearshore are relatively sedentary, accessible, and manipulable (e.g., Dayton 1971, Sousa 1979, Peterson 1993, Lewis 1996). In contrast to other marine habitats, there is a comparatively thorough understanding of mechanistic links between species and their physical environment (e.g., Connell 1972, Paine 1974, 1977, Estes et al. 1998, Menge and Menge 2013, Menge et al. 2015) that facilitates understanding causes for change. Many of the organisms in the nearshore are sessile or have relatively limited home ranges, providing a geographic link to sources of change. Nearshore habitats will likely have detectable levels of change in the future, and we will continue to be able to detect relatively localized sources of change, tease apart human induced from naturally induced changes, and, provide suggestions for management actions to reduce human induced impacts.

The Nearshore Component of the Gulf Watch Alaska (GWA) long-term monitoring project investigates and monitors the nearshore environment of the greater *Exxon Valdez* oil spill (EVOS) area, with focus on selected elements of the nearshore food web. Our overarching goal is to understand drivers of variation in the Gulf of Alaska (GOA) nearshore ecosystem. The foundational hypotheses of the Nearshore Project include: (1) What are the spatial and temporal scales over which change in nearshore ecosystems is observed? (2) Are observed changes related to broad-scale environmental variation, or local perturbations? (3) Does the magnitude and timing of changes in nearshore ecosystems correspond to those measured in pelagic ecosystems? The design features of the nearshore monitoring program include a rigorous site selection process that allows statistical inference over various spatial scales (e.g., GOA and regions within the GOA) as well as the capacity to evaluate potential impacts from more localized sources, and especially those resulting from human activities, including lingering effects of EVOS. In addition to detecting change at various spatial scales, design features incorporate both static (e.g., substrate, exposure, bathymetry) and dynamic (e.g., variation in oceanographic conditions, productivity, and predation) drivers as potential mechanisms responsible for change. More than 200 species dependent on nearshore habitats, many with well recognized ecological roles in the nearshore food web, are monitored annually within four regional blocks in the GOA. Evaluation of change in those species over time in relation to well defined static and dynamic drivers will allow accurate and defensible measures of change and support management and policy needs addressing nearshore resources both within the GOA and globally.

Harnessing the power of long-term datasets, the first years of the GWA Nearshore Component, were combined with preceding time series, totaling over 50 years. Building on this legacy has resulted in many important insights and management-relevant findings. As an example, data on sea otter population dynamics have revealed that patterns of changes in abundance differ among regions. Changes in sea otters are driven largely by local conditions, although drivers may vary (e.g., recovery from the EVOS in PWS, recolonization following fur harvest in Katmai and Kachemak Bay, and prey availability in Kenai Fjords). As another example, data on rocky intertidal communities indicate that static physical attributes do not differ markedly across regions, neither do intertidal biota; this indicates that our design is well-suited to document temporal variation and whether it is synchronous across regions. Many additional examples are provided by the reports and publications listed in Section 2 of this proposal.

Our goals for the second phase of the long-term nearshore monitoring program are to continue to document the status of the nearshore system by continuing time series, some of which date more than five decades, and many that were initiated after the 1989 spill. This information will be synthesized with other components of GWA in order to identify potential causes of change, including those related to EVOS and climate change. We will continue to use existing and new information from this second phase to address our overarching hypotheses in communities across the GOA and to communicate those findings to the public and resource managers.

## **2. Relevance to the Invitation for Proposals**

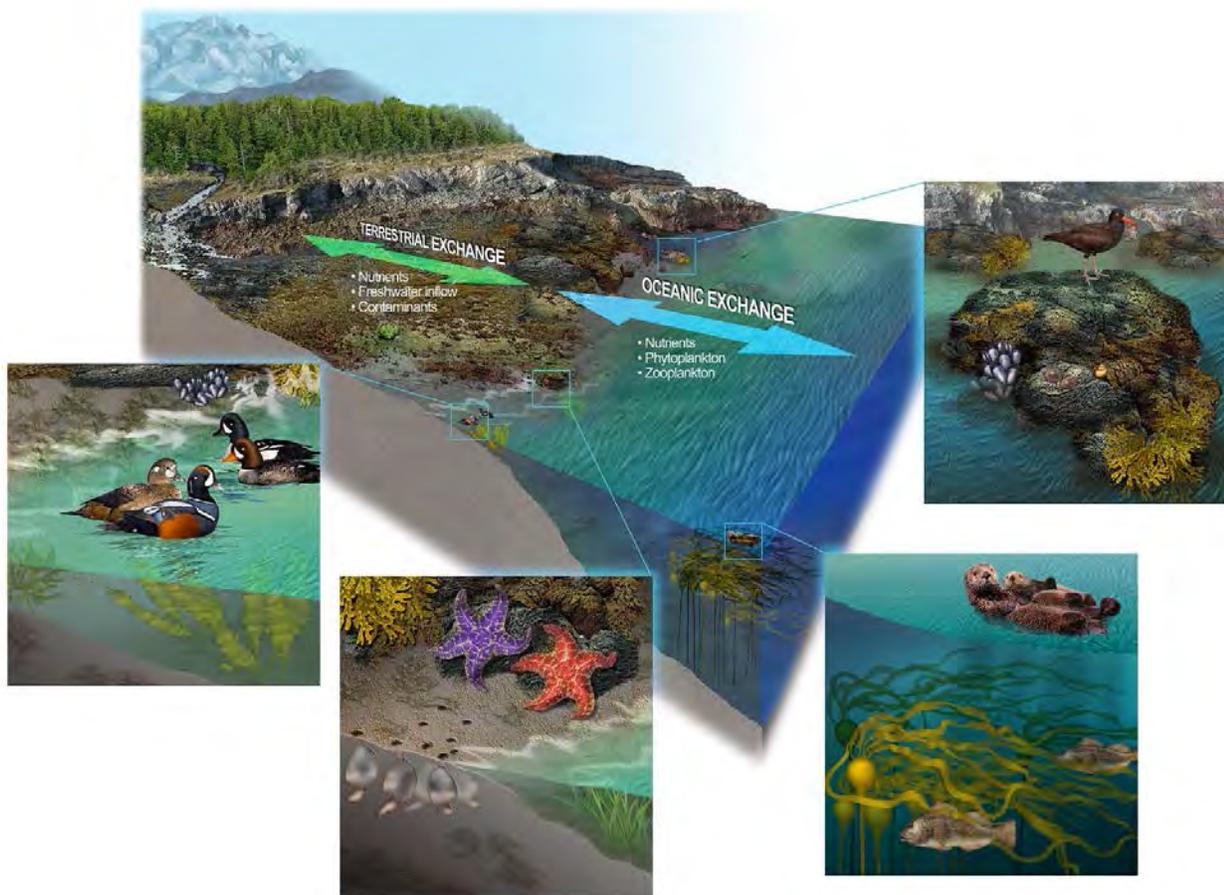
This project proposal addresses the EVOS Trustee Council's (EVOSTC's) request for long-term monitoring plans for the nearshore benthic ecosystem directly impacted by EVOS. It is a continuation of the first 5-year phase of the GWA program, which is built on previous projects: 15120114-R Nearshore Benthic Systems in the Gulf of Alaska and 12120114-L, Ecological Trends in Kachemak Bay.

A restoration and ecosystem monitoring plan for the nearshore marine ecosystems affected by the EVOS in the GOA (Dean and Bodkin 2006) recognized that (1) restoration efforts for resources injured by the spill will benefit from information on the status and trends of those resources on a variety of spatial scales within the Gulf, and (2) changes independent of the oil spill are likely to occur in the GOA during the 21st century, and are likely to result from a number of different agents (e.g. normal environmental stochasticity, global climate change, and shoreline development and associated inputs of pollutants). Further, to restore injured resources it is essential to separate EVOS-related effects from other sources of change. The long-term GWA monitoring program initiated in 2011 supports the accomplishment of these goals.

We anticipate that global climate change may result in a gradual transition in the nearshore community that occurs over decades and has impacts over the entire GOA. Conversely, it is possible that climate change will lead to tipping points in the community where sudden changes or collapses can be observed over large spatial scales (Alley et al. 2003, Lenton et al. 2008). In contrast, impacts from shoreline development or other human activities will likely be more episodic and localized. Thus, a suitable monitoring program needs to be designed to detect ecological impacts on these various spatial and temporal scales. To this end, the conceptual framework for monitoring in the nearshore that was implemented over the last decade was designed with the following elements:

1. Synoptic sampling of specified physical parameters (e.g., temperature and salinity) over the entire GOA. This synoptic nearshore sampling is complemented by offshore measurements in the GOA through the Environmental Drivers component of the GWA program.

2. Sampling of a variety of specified biological parameters (e.g. abundance and growth of intertidal organisms, abundance of selected birds and marine mammals) within select areas spread throughout the GOA. Monitoring includes many resources that were injured by the EVOS, allowing perspective on natural variation relative to oil-spill injury.
3. The hierarchical sampling design allows us to test patterns on various spatial scales. For example, rocky intertidal communities are sampled with replicates along various tidal strata at multiple sites within a region, and across four regions (western PWS [WPWS], Katmai National Park [KATM], Kenai Fjords National Park [KEFJ], and Kachemak Bay [KBAY]).
4. The components of the design are centered around the nearshore food web, where primary productivity originates largely in the kelps, other macroalgae and seagrass, is transferred to benthic invertebrates, and then to higher trophic levels (Figure 1).
5. Coordination with externally-funded, short-term (2-5 years) studies aimed at identifying important processes regulating or causing changes within a given system or subsystem. For example, a National Park Service (NPS) funded study examining the reliance of sea otters on a variable prey resource, *Mytilus trossulus*, and how that variability may affect sea otter population status.

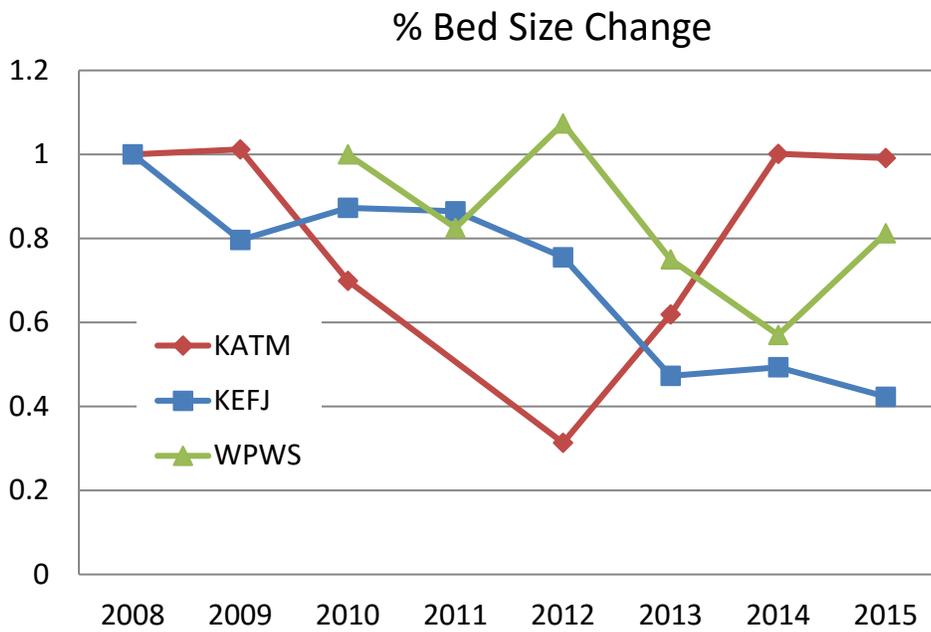


**Figure 1. Conceptual model of the nearshore food web with terrestrial and oceanic influences illustrated. In this model, sea otters, black oystercatchers, sea ducks and sea stars act as the top level consumers in a system where primary productivity originates mostly from the macroalgae and sea grass and moves through to the benthic invertebrates to the top level consumers.**

**Potential Benefits and Recipients of GWA Nearshore Project:** We expect our existing monitoring design will continue to have the capacity to track the status and trend of select EVOS injured resources (Monson et al. 2011, Ballachey et al. 2014a, b, Bodkin et al. 2014, Esler 2013, Bowen et al. 2015). We also expect that our monitoring will continue to contribute to detection of differences in status and trend among nearshore populations, and to differentiate potential causes for those differences (Miles et al. 2012, Newsome et al. 2015, Tinker 2015, von Biela et al. in press, Coletti et al. in review). Similarly, our monitoring of static and dynamic drivers is helping to elucidate what controls biological communities in the GOA (Konar et al. submitted). The work cited above demonstrates the value of the nearshore monitoring program to date and exemplifies, in the peer reviewed literature, the contributions to restoration, conservation, and management of nearshore resources in the GOA and across the north Pacific.

The nearshore program also continues to provide valuable data and recommendations to management of nearshore resources in near real time. For example, monitoring data on sea otter abundance and diet has been transmitted to the Department of Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) related to the status and trend of the southwest Alaska stock of sea otters listed under the Endangered Species Act. The nearshore program has provided distribution and abundance data on nearshore species to state and federal resource managers responding to environmental threats from contaminant spills and potential resource extraction proposals. In several instances, the nearshore program provided some of the only recent reference points available in the region when environmental perturbations seemed imminent. The KATM coast has experienced at least two vessel groundings since the implementation in 2006 of long-term monitoring, both of which our data was used as baseline prior to contamination. In 2009, the KATM and Lake Clark coastlines were threatened by a potential large oil spill from the Drift River terminal during the eruption of Mt. Redoubt. Nearshore monitoring data was used to highlight particularly sensitive areas and help plan spill response. In 2014 and 2015 we adopted additional sampling protocols to contribute to the understanding on the spatial and temporal magnitude of the west coast sea star decline. Below we provide two examples of additional monitoring results with broad scale relevance to resource managers, policy makers and the public.

Since 2006 we have documented Gulf wide declines in mussel (*Mytilus trossulus*) abundance (Figure 2). These declines, and subsequent recovery in some regions, have varied in both extent and magnitude. This variation in a prey resource has likely impacted top level predators, such as sea otters and shorebirds. Long-term impacts of this decline are still unknown. However, complementary data indicate that recovery of mussels is likely driven by local factors affecting survival and not exclusively recruitment. Associated high-intensity studies are proposed to improve our understanding of causes of population change in this keystone intertidal species.



**Figure 2. Percent change in mussel bed from size when sampling was initiated. Error bars were omitted for clarity of divergent trends.**

We have documented anomalous events in collaboration with the pelagic component such as the sea bird die-off in 2015. We observed large increases in common murres during the summer of 2015 relative to previous years (Figures 3 and 4). This increase was particularly evident in KATM where there are no murre colonies and densities of murres are generally low. This increase in numbers is most likely a function of changed distribution. In poor nutritional conditions, these long-lived birds will readily defer breeding, therefore they are not tied to colonies and thus ended up nearshore, likely searching for food. KEFJ does have common murre colonies, however we still have evidence of an increase of these birds moving into coastal areas not associated with colonies. Our documentation of unusual murre distributions correspond to observations of large die-offs of murres throughout the north Pacific in winter 2015-2016. We speculate that high water temperature may have disrupted prey abundance or availability, leading to changes in murre distribution, behavior, condition, and mortality rates. Our results contribute to observations across GWA components that demonstrate that 2015 was an anomalous year.

### Common Murre Density - KATM (error bars = SE)

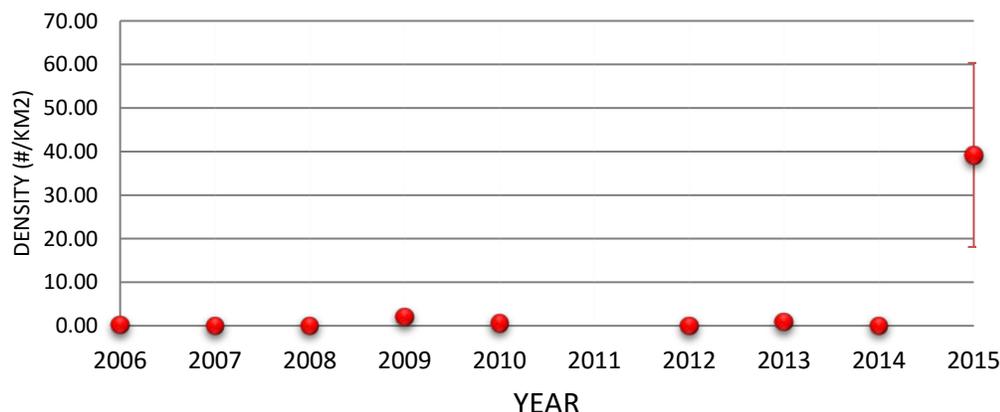


Figure 3. Common murre density estimates in KATM from 2006-2015. 2011 was not surveyed.

### Common Murre Density - KEFJ (error bars = SE)

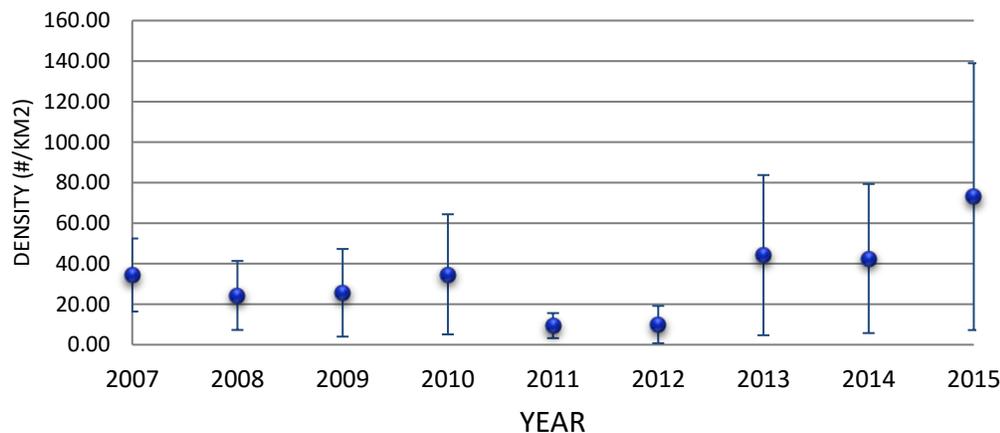


Figure 4. Common murre density estimates in KEFJ from 2007-2015.

The nearshore program continues to benefit from the spatial and ecological linkages explicit in the monitoring design. We anticipate, over time, our understanding of those linkages will increase and allow us to provide increasingly relevant and valuable data and insight.

### 3. Project Personnel

Overall project management will be the responsibility of H. Coletti, D. Esler, B. Konar and K. Iken. CVs for each of these principal (PIs) are included at the end of this proposal, including full contact information.

We anticipate that T. Dean, J. Bodkin, B. Ballachey, D. Monson, K. Kloecker, G. Esslinger and B. Weitzman with support from M. Lindeberg, A. Miller and additional U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and NPS scientific

staff, will continue the data collection and sampling (all components) in PWS, Kenai and Katmai, and that B. Konar and K. Iken will have responsibility for the Kachemak Bay site, with support from A. Doroff for sea otter foraging observations and additional support from the USFWS for sea otter surveys and carcass collections. This team of scientists has an extensive background of research efforts in coastal marine areas of Alaska. H. Coletti has worked in the GOA since 2000, and has been dedicated to the NPS nearshore monitoring program since 2006. D. Esler leads the Nearshore Marine Ecosystem Research Program at USGS, Alaska Science Center, and has decades of experience working in coastal systems of the north Pacific, including extensive work addressing effects of EVOS. B. Konar and K. Iken both have extensive experience working in various coastal areas of Alaska, and are currently conducting the nearshore monitoring in Kachemak Bay. They both have been PIs on previous EVOS studies and the Census of Marine Life with ecological work in Kachemak Bay. B. Ballachey and T. Dean have both been PIs on previous EVOS studies, with a primary focus on PWS studies, since 1989, and currently are conducting the monitoring of nearshore areas in PWS. J. Bodkin and T. Dean have been central in development and implementation of both the NPS and the USGS/EVOS nearshore monitoring programs. D. Monson of the USGS joined the project in the summer of 2012, and brings over two decades of experience working in PWS and other areas of coastal Alaska. B. Weitzman joined the project in 2012, with seven years of working and managing field efforts in the GOA, and has worked in all four regions to measure and ensure consistency within GWA data streams. A. Miller of the NPS is in charge of the long-term monitoring program in the Kenai and Katmai parks. We anticipate a team approach to the overall field work effort, with shared personnel across areas wherever possible, to ensure consistency of data collection and enhance our understanding of comparisons and contrasts across areas. We will attend an annual meeting of the larger group of scientists involved in the overall long-term monitoring; but also expect that we will continue to work closely together as a sub-group and to meet less formally as required throughout each year.

#### **4. Project Design**

The monitoring protocols implemented in 2012 at the onset of the GWA program are based on past work of the PIs and collaborators, allowing the continuation of valuable time series information about critical nearshore habitats in the GOA. Sampling protocols originally developed for the nearshore environment that included sea otters, nearshore marine birds, intertidal kelps, seagrasses and invertebrates in PWS in 2003 were adopted by the NPS's Vital Signs Long-Term Monitoring Plan, and implemented in KATM in 2006 and in KEFJ in 2007. In 2010, EVOS Project 10100750 (J. Bodkin and T. Dean, PIs) was funded to implement the long-term nearshore monitoring plan in WPWS. Nearshore monitoring of rocky intertidal and seagrass habitats in KBAY was initiated in 2003 through the Census of Marine Life program (K. Iken and B. Konar, PIs). In 2011, the GWA program was initiated to continue and expand these long-term nearshore monitoring programs, in combination with studies of pelagic systems and environmental drivers; the work described and proposed herein is a continuation of the nearshore benthic monitoring effort of the GWA project.

We propose to continue long-term restoration and ecosystem monitoring program at four locations across the GOA. Much of the effort to be funded by the EVOSTC program is concentrated in WPWS, but we will integrate with existing monitoring efforts on the Katmai coast and the Kenai Peninsula to cost-effectively monitor other areas of the spill-affected region and provide better information and reference for recovery and restoration of injured resources. The sampling design follows that initially put forward in the first GWA phase in 2010, and consists of four primary sampling locations in nearshore habitats in the central GOA region: KATM, WPWS, KEFJ and KBAY. We propose to continue sampling these regions on an annual basis

through 2021. Monitoring includes physical measurements, and abundance estimates of kelps, other macroalgae, seagrasses, marine invertebrates, birds, and mammals, with a focus on species that were injured as a result of the EVOS (EVOSTC 2006). In addition to taxon-specific resources, monitoring includes recognized important ecological relations that include predator-prey interactions, measures of nearshore ecosystem productivity, and stable isotope and contaminant analyses. The nearshore monitoring program will also continue to utilize physical data collected in PWS, along the GOA shelf and in Cook Inlet, by the Environmental Drivers component of the proposed long-term monitoring program. Contrasts between the Nearshore and Pelagic components of Gulf Watch will facilitate understanding how various drivers influence these two important food webs.

#### A. OBJECTIVES

1. To determine status and detect patterns of change in a suite of nearshore species and communities.
2. Identify temporal and spatial extent of observed changes.
3. Identify potential causes of change in biological communities, including those related to climate change.
4. Communicate these to the public and to resource managers to preserve nearshore resources.
5. Continue restoration monitoring in the nearshore in order to evaluate the current status of injured resources in oiled areas and identify factors potentially affecting present and future trends in population status.

#### B. PROCEDURAL AND SCIENTIFIC METHOD

The *Nearshore Restoration and Ecosystem Monitoring Program* (Dean and Bodkin 2006) and the *National Park Service SWAN Nearshore Monitoring Program* (Dean et al. 2014) include protocols that provide justification, background, objectives, goals, an overview of the monitoring and sample design, the fundamental analytical approach, and description of operational requirements. The Protocol Narrative for Nearshore Monitoring in the Gulf of Alaska (Dean et al. 2014) is located at <https://workspace.aaos.org/group/4601/project/4650/folder/26475/protocol-narrative> and is summarized briefly below.

Standard operating procedures (SOPs) for all data collection have been fully developed and reviewed as part of the preparation and implementation of nearshore monitoring in KATM, KEFJ, and WPWS and are located on the GWA Workspace at <https://workspace.aaos.org/group/4601/project/4650/folder/26476/sops>. The SOPs provide the details of each data collection procedure, their relations to one another, and how they can be integrated to provide understanding of causes of change that will be detected. The sites in KBAY have been using Census of Marine Life protocols (Konar 2007, Rigby et al. 2007) since 2002 but have revised these to be more comparable with the entire nearshore program. These revisions include increasing the quadrat replicate size from five to ten and extending the transect lengths from 30 m to 50 m. We will continue to evaluate and assess data streams to ensure consistency and comparability, within and between programs.

#### *Nearshore Monitoring Design*

The Nearshore Monitoring protocol focuses on sampling of several key components of the nearshore system in the GOA that are both numerically and functionally important to the system's health and on several key environmental drivers. These are termed "vital signs" and include kelps (and other marine algae) and seagrasses, marine intertidal invertebrates, marine birds, black oystercatchers (*Haematopus*

*bachmani*), sea otters (*Enhydra lutris*), and marine water chemistry and quality. The rationale for focusing on these vital signs is given in Bennett et al. 2006 and is summarized here.

***Kelp, other seaweeds, and seagrass*** are "living habitats" that serve as a nutrient filter, provide understory and habitat for planktivorous fish, clams, urchins, and a physical substrate for other invertebrates and algae. Kelps and other seaweeds are the major primary producers in the marine nearshore and because they are located in shallow water they could be significantly impacted by human activities. These include spills of oil or other contaminants, dredging and disturbance from anchoring of vessels, and increased turbidity caused by runoff of sediments or nutrients.

***Marine Intertidal Invertebrates*** provide critical food resources for shorebirds, ducks, fish, bears, sea otters, and other marine invertebrate predators, as well as spawning and nursery habitats for forage fish and juvenile crustaceans. Benthic invertebrates and algae are ecologically diverse in terms of habitat and trophic requirements; have a wide range of physiological tolerances; are relatively sedentary, and have varied life-histories. As a result, they are good biological indicators of both short-term (e.g., annual) and long-term (e.g., decadal scale) changes in environmental conditions.

***Marine Birds*** are predators near the top of marine nearshore food webs. Marine birds are long-lived, conspicuous, abundant, widespread members of the marine ecosystem and are sensitive to change. Because of these characteristics marine birds are good indicators of change in the marine ecosystem. Many studies have documented that their behavior, diets, productivity, and survival changed when conditions change. Public concern exists for the welfare of seabirds because they are affected by human activities like oil pollution and commercial fishing.

***Black Oystercatchers*** are well suited for inclusion into a long-term monitoring program of nearshore habitats because they are long-lived; reside and rely on intertidal habitats; consume a diet dominated by mussels, limpets, and chitons; and provision chicks near nest sites for extended periods. Additionally, as a conspicuous species sensitive to disturbance, the black oystercatcher would likely serve as a sentinel species in detecting change in nearshore community resulting from human or other disturbances.

***Sea Otters*** are keystone species that can dramatically affect the structure and complexity of their nearshore ecological community. They cause well described top-down cascading effects on community structure by altering abundance of prey (e.g., sea urchins) which can in turn alter abundance of lower trophic levels (e.g., kelps). Sea otters generally have smaller home ranges than other marine mammals; eat large amounts of food; are susceptible to contaminants such as those related to oil spills; and have broad appeal to the public. Recent declines in sea otters have been observed in the Aleutian Islands. Currently declines are documented in areas to the western edge of our study area. As a result of these declines, the Western Alaska stock of sea otters (which includes populations in Katmai National Park and Preserve as well as Aniakchak National Monument and Preserve), was federally listed as threatened on September 2005 under the Endangered Species Act.

***Marine Water Chemistry and Water Quality*** including temperature and salinity, are critical to intertidal fauna and flora and are likely to be important determinants of both long-term and short-term fluctuations in the intertidal biotic community. Basic water chemistry parameters provide a record of environmental conditions at the time of sampling and are used in assessing the condition of biological assemblages. Water quality (including water temperature, salinity, and levels of contaminants such as heavy metals and organic

pollutants) are also critical in structuring nearshore marine ecosystems and can cause both acute and chronic changes in nearshore populations and communities.

Specific questions and objectives for each of the vital signs are:

### **Kelp, other seaweeds, and seagrass**

*Objective:*

- Estimate short-term and long-term trends in abundance and distribution of kelp, other seaweeds, and eelgrass at various spatial scales.

*Question:*

- What are the large-scale (GOA-wide, over decades) trends in the relative abundance and distribution of canopy forming kelps, other seaweeds, and eelgrass?
- What are annual trends in the abundance of canopy forming kelps, intertidal algae, and eelgrass?
- How do inter-annual changes in relative abundance of eelgrass, algae and kelp communities differ among locations?
- What environmental and biological variables are driving the observed temporal and spatial trends and patterns?

### **Marine Intertidal Invertebrates**

*Objectives:*

- Monitor short-term and long-term trends in species composition and abundance of invertebrate species at various locations.
- Document how the size distributions of limpets (*Lottia persona*), mussels (*Mytilus trossulus*), and clams are changing annually at various locations.

*Questions:*

- How are the composition and relative abundance of intertidal algae and invertebrates changing annually?
- How do inter-annual changes in relative abundance of intertidal algae and invertebrates differ among locations?
- What environmental and biological variables are driving the observed temporal and spatial trends and patterns?

### **Marine Birds**

*Objective:*

- Estimate long-term trends in the seasonal abundance of seabirds and seabirds at various locations.

*Questions:*

- How is the species composition and abundance of birds (and especially those closely linked to the nearshore, such as harlequin ducks and Barrow's goldeneye) changing annually during summer and winter?

- How do inter-annual changes in the number of bird species present and the relative abundance of birds differ among locations?

## **Black Oystercatcher**

### *Objectives:*

- Estimate long-term trends in relative density and nest site productivity of black oystercatchers at various locations.
- Estimate long-term trends in black oystercatcher diet through collection of prey remains at various locations.

### *Questions:*

- How are the relative density (pairs per linear kilometer of shoreline) of black oystercatcher nests and the nest site productivity (number of chicks or eggs per nest) changing annually?
- How is the composition of prey provisioned to black oystercatcher chicks changing over time?
- How do inter-annual changes in density of black oystercatchers and composition of prey provisioned to chicks differ among locations?

## **Sea Otter**

### *Objectives:*

- Estimate long-term trends in sea otter abundance and spatial distribution.
- Estimate and compare age-specific survival rates of sea otters among regions within the GOA.
- Estimate diet composition of sea otters at various locations.

### *Questions:*

- How is abundance and spatial distribution of sea otters changing over time?
- How is age-specific survival of sea otters changing annually?
- How is the diet of sea otters changing annually?
- How do inter-annual changes in abundance, survival, and diet differ among areas?

## **Marine Water Chemistry and Quality**

### *Objectives:*

- Document daily, seasonal, and annual variability in temperature and salinity at various intertidal sampling sites.
- Monitor status and trends in the concentration of metals, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs; polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons often associated with petroleum contamination), polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), pesticides, and metals in the tissues of mussels collected from various intertidal sampling sites over time.
- Explore other water quality parameters (such as turbidity, dissolved oxygen, carbon system variables, etc.) and disturbance events to help understand changes at intertidal sampling sites over time.

### Questions:

- What is the daily, seasonal, and annual variation in intertidal water temperature (including variation in the duration of minimum and maximum temperatures) and salinity and how are these changing over time?
- How is the concentration of contaminants in mussel tissue (an integrated index of contaminant concentrations in water) changing over time?
- How do inter-annual changes in water chemistry and contaminant levels differ among locations?

### Sampling Areas

The design focuses on examining these vital signs in KATM, KEFJ, WPWS, and KBAY (Figure 2). Due to logistical constraints, not all vital signs are collected in all regions (see below).

Most vital sign metrics are evaluated on an annual basis, for some metrics less frequent sampling occurs. Sampling frequency was determined based on the expected extent of inter-annual variation for a given metric as well as cost and logistical constraints. For example, the species distribution and abundance of intertidal invertebrates that are known to exhibit high inter-annual variation are sampled either annually or bi-annually whereas less variable contaminant levels in mussel tissue are monitored every 7 to 10 years.

The number and location of sampling units differ among metrics, but in general the design calls for sampling at multiple sites within each region. The number of sampling locations and the rationale for this are specified in vital sign specific SOPs, but in general were guided by preliminary estimates of effort required to detect ecologically meaningful levels of change (Dean and Bodkin 2006). Sampling sites were selected to provide a random, spatially balanced distribution. The design allows for detection of large temporal or spatial-scale changes (e.g., changes that may occur over the entire region over time or among blocks). For some metrics (e.g. contaminants in mussels) the design will also allow for detection of changes that may occur on a more localized scale (e.g., at a site of heavy human influence).

### Sampling method overview

Sampling in the core sampling regions (KATM, KEFJ, and WPWS; and except where noted in KBAY) will consist of:

- Surveys of eelgrass and kelp canopy – The area covered by canopy forming kelps and eelgrass will be evaluated based on region-wide aerial surveys (Harper and Morris 2004), expected to be repeated on a ten to twelve-year frequency. Changes in percent cover by eelgrass will also be evaluated in randomly selected eelgrass beds on an annual basis. Sites (5 in KATM KEFJ and WPWS, 4 in KBAY) will be areas of historical eelgrass cover (as documented by previous ShoreZone mapping conducted by Harper and Morris 2004) that are nearest to sites where intertidal algae and invertebrates are sampled. Metrics will include the percent cover, density and, bed size. The boundaries of each bed will be located (either visually or using a fathometer and underwater camera) and positions recorded using a global positioning system (GPS).
- Sampling of intertidal algae and invertebrates on sheltered rocky shores - Randomly selected sites on sheltered rocky shores will be sampled annually to estimate the abundance and distribution of intertidal invertebrates and algae. Five sites will be sampled within each block (6 within KBAY because of historical sampling). Metrics will include number of kelp and mobile invertebrate species identified to the lowest possible taxa, percent cover of algal and sessile invertebrate taxa and size distributions of limpets (*Lottia persona*).

- Sampling of bivalves in gravel / mixed-sand gravel shores - Sampling of bivalves will be conducted every other year at five gravel/mixed sand-gravel sites in each block. Sampling will focus on bivalves that are relatively large, long-lived, and common (Lees and Driskell 2006). Metrics obtained will include abundances of selected bivalve species and size distributions of several dominant species. Sediment samples will be obtained from gravel / sand-gravel site for determination of grain size distribution.
- Sampling of Pacific blue mussels in mussel beds – The density and size distribution of mussels will be measured annually in 5 mussel beds in each region. Metrics of mussel bed size, density, and size structure are obtained using a combined sampling technique (Bodkin et al. 2016). While the focus is on larger mussels that are important prey for sea otters, sea ducks, and black oystercatchers, mussels are also sampled in such a way that all sizes are targeted in order to get an accurate view of their entire size frequency distribution. The selected mussel beds will be the nearest beds to sheltered rocky intertidal sampling sites.
- Sampling marine bird and mammal abundance – Marine bird and mammal abundance will be estimated via boat annually in summer in KATM and KEFJ. Sampling in PWS will be done under a separate contract to the USFWS. In addition, winter sampling will be conducted in KATM and KEFJ every two to three years, funded by NPS. There are no current marine bird and mammal surveys in KBAY. Counts will be made along shoreline transects using the methods of Irons et al. (2000). The focus will be on estimating the abundance of birds closely linked to the nearshore including harlequin ducks, Barrow’s goldeneyes, and black oystercatchers (Webster 1941, Goudie and Ankney 1986, Andres 1998). Surveys will be conducted in summer and winter so that abundance estimates can be obtained for birds with different seasonal patterns (e.g., harlequin ducks that are more abundant in winter and black oystercatchers that are more abundant in summer).
- Sampling of black oystercatcher nest site density and oystercatcher chick provisioning - The number of black oystercatcher nest sites will be surveyed annually along shoreline transects in KATM, KEFJ and WPWS. The number of eggs and/or chicks present will be counted as an index of nest productivity. The species composition and relative abundance of oystercatcher prey provided to chicks will be evaluated by sampling prey remains at oystercatcher nesting sites (Webster 1941, Andres 1998).
- Aerial surveys of sea otter abundance - Sea otter abundance will be estimated within each region (KATM, KEFJ or WPWS) in the summer of every third year using aerial survey methods described by Bodkin and Udevitz (1999). These methods have been used to conduct annual surveys to estimate the abundance of sea otters in PWS since 1993 (Bodkin et al. 2002), and on a less frequent basis elsewhere in the GOA. The metric obtained will be numbers of sea otters per block.
- Sampling of sea otter diets - The species composition and relative abundance of sea otter prey will be estimated annually using direct observation of sea otter feeding (Calkins 1978, Estes et al. 1981, Dean et. al 2002). These observations will provide an assessment of foraging efficiency (energy obtained per hour of feeding) as well as the composition of prey being consumed by sea otters (Tinker 2015). The latter will provide an indirect measure of the composition and relative abundance of representative intertidal and subtidal invertebrates that are difficult to sample directly.
- Coastline surveys for collection of sea otter carcasses - Specified beach segments will be walked annually for collection of sea otter skulls in KATM, KEFJ and WPWS. The segments will be in areas

where sea otter carcasses accumulate and will be based on preliminary surveys. KBAY carcasses are collected opportunistically year-round. A tooth will be extracted from each skull and sectioned to estimate the age of the sea otter (Bodkin et al. 1997). The data on the age distribution of dead sea otters will be used to evaluate changes in age-specific survival and to develop age-specific survival estimates based on an age-structured demographic model (Monson et al. 2000, 2011; Bodkin et al. 2002).

- Sampling of water/air temperature, salinity, and contaminants in mussels- Intertidal water/air temperature will be measured at each of the sheltered rocky intertidal sites. Temperature recording devices will be fixed at the 0.5 m tidal elevation in the intertidal zone and will record temperature every hour on a year round basis. Initially, salinity will be measured at one to two sites in KBAY. It is anticipated that more sites will be added if instruments prove reliable. The concentration of contaminants will be measured in mussels collected from rocky intertidal sites once every seven to ten years in KATM, KEFJ and WPWS. KBAY mussels are collected and analyzed for contaminants under the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Mussel Watch Program. When feasible, we will explore other water quality and disturbance variables (ice scour, storm surges) that may also be contributing to site variation and changes over time.

### *Design Considerations*

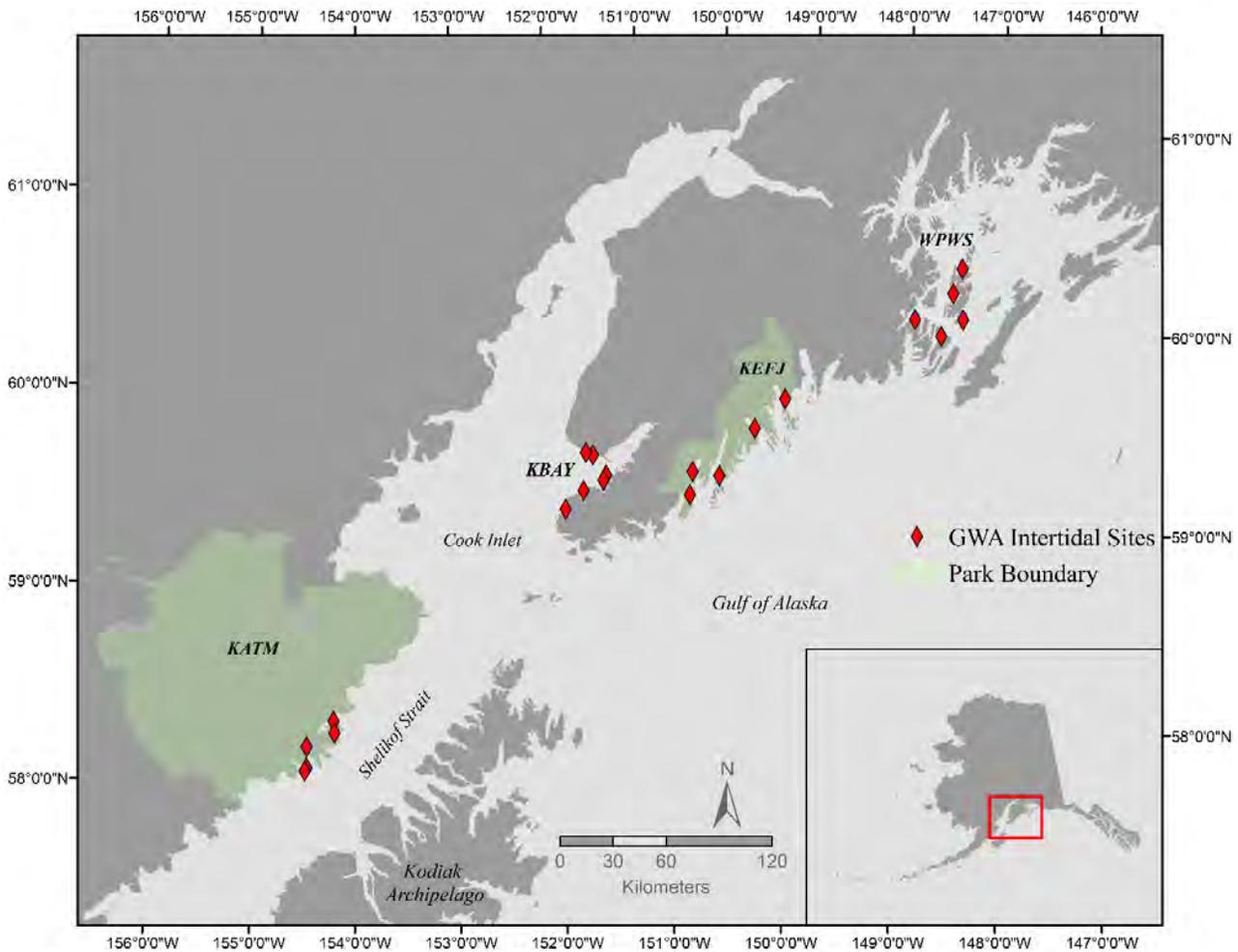
In the process of developing the NPS Southwest Alaska Network (SWAN) and EVOS nearshore monitoring programs we investigated most, if not all of the active nearshore monitoring programs along the west coast of North America (e.g., PISCO, MARINE, LIMPET, NAGISA, PSP, NOAA mussel watch). Where feasible we adopted and designed species and location specific procedures that would facilitate comparison of common metrics among existing and prior programs. For example, we employ point contact methods to estimate percent cover of intertidal invertebrates and algae that are similar to PISCO and MARINE methods and will facilitate comparison. We also estimate densities of large motile invertebrates (e.g., stars), that will be comparable to estimates from PISCO, MARINE, and other programs employing comparable techniques. In many instances species differences existed between existing nearshore monitoring programs in the contiguous US and Alaska requiring modification to available procedures. Where appropriate we adopted widely used and published methods to estimate marine bird densities (Irons et al. 2000) black oystercatcher abundance and diet (Andres 1998, Webster 1941) and sea otter abundance (Bodkin and Udevitz 1999), diet (Calkins 1978, Estes et al. 1981), and survival (Monson et al. 2000).

There are, however, fundamental differences between some of the objectives of the GOA nearshore monitoring program described here and other nearshore monitoring programs. These include a GOA program objective to allow statistical inference to the entire region and therefore required a random component to site selection, rather than focusing on specific selected sites. An exception to this random site selection occurred in KBAY. Here, four of the initial sites that were chosen to be monitored (starting in 2002 with another program) were chosen on the south side of the bay because of their large spatial extent and high species diversity. When KBAY joined the GOA monitoring team, we added two additional sites on the north side of the bay to better represent the region. Compared to other existing programs, many GOA sites are remotely located and access is difficult and costly. As a result, our sampling frequency is generally equal to or greater than one year (with a few exceptions such as water quality), with limited ability to detect within year variation or trends. Furthermore, there are additional location-specific factors (e.g. a large tidal prism and high degree of disturbance due to ice and storms) that led us to different sampling designs than employed by other programs. Perhaps most importantly, the GOA program attempts to

encompass all major elements of the nearshore trophic web: kelps and seagrasses as primary producers, benthic invertebrates as primary consumers, and the birds and mammals as apex predators (i.e., black oystercatchers, sea ducks and the sea otter). We know of no other nearshore monitoring program that incorporates this breadth of trophic interaction that will allow both “bottom-up” and “top-down” perspectives on causes of change in the nearshore marine ecosystem. This approach required adapting existing procedures where available and appropriate, and developing new ones as needed.

### *Selection of sampling regions*

As indicated above, sampling will be largely restricted to the Katmai, Kenai Peninsula and Prince William Sound coastlines, and will be concentrated in four regions (KATM, KEFJ, WPWS, and KBAY) (Figure 5). There are a wide variety of habitats within these regions. For the purpose of the GWA monitoring program, we intend to restrict sampling of intertidal invertebrates and algae to sheltered-rocky shores and to gravel and mixed sand-gravel beaches. We selected these habitats because they represent over half (about 58%) of the shorelines within the region (Ford et al. 1996); are biologically diverse; harbor both hard bottom (epibenthic) and soft bottom (infaunal) organisms; are tractable to sample, and have a wealth of historical data relative to other habitats. Thus, they provide excellent indicators of change. Sampling of nearshore birds and mammals will include the full range of nearshore habitats.



**Figure 5. Map showing study sites within KATM, KEFJ, KBAY and WPWS. The red diamonds represent rocky intertidal sites that act as a central point to establish monitoring sites or transects of several other marine nearshore vital signs.**

### *Sampling Site Locations*

In KBAY, sites were selected based on location of historical data (from the Census of Marine Life Project and others) or to ensure good representation of the bay. For the rocky sheltered/mixed gravel cobble sites, four were historical sites and two were chosen to better represent the area). For the seagrass sites, two had historical data and two were chosen to ensure better spatial coverage. For all but the KBAY sites, discrete sampling sites used to sample intertidal invertebrates and algae on sheltered rocky shorelines were selected using a generalized random tessellation stratified (GRTS) sampling scheme (Stevens and Olsen, 2004). This design provided a random yet spatially balanced distribution of sites within region. A GRTS design also allows for expansion or contraction of the number of sites to be sampled over time by pre-selecting a large number of sites that were ordered with respect to priority. Thus, sampling sites could be added or deleted without compromising the statistical or spatial integrity of the design.

Rocky intertidal sampling sites were selected using S-Draw, a windows-based GRTS sampling software program (GRTS for the Average Joe: A GRTS Sampler for Windows; [http:// west-inc.com/reports/grts.pdf](http://west-inc.com/reports/grts.pdf)). Potential shorelines representing sheltered rocky or gravel/mixed sand gravel geomorphologic types were identified using Geographic Information System (GIS) software from Environmentally Sensitive Index (ESI) maps produced for each region (RPI, 1983a, 1983b, 1985, 1986). The S-Draw software was then used to produce an ordered list of 100 potential sampling sites within each block. Water quality metrics (contaminants in mussels, temperature, and salinity) are to be measured at sites identified for sampling of intertidal invertebrates on rocky shores. Subsequent site selection for other vital signs were based on proximity to the location of the stratified random sample of sheltered rocky sites within each region.

### *Selection of the size and number of sampling units*

The size and number of sampling units to be included for evaluation of each metric within a given sampling period are described in detail in specific SOPs. A sampling unit is defined as the smallest unit for which a particular metric is measured and expressed. For example, the number of sea stars will be counted within a 200 m<sup>2</sup> area and expressed as number per 100 m<sup>2</sup>. For each metric, the size of the sampling unit and number of sampling units varies dependent largely on the behavior of the species of interest. In estimating abundance of larger, more motile species that have large and variable home ranges that can cover large portions of a region (e.g. sea otters), sampling will be conducted along relatively large random or systematically placed transects of several hundred meters or more that cover the entire region. For sessile species or ones with a limited home range (e.g., many invertebrates) sampling will be conducted at discrete, permanently established sites within each region. A site is defined as an approximately 50 to 100-m section of coastline and the water directly adjacent to it. For these smaller, less motile species, sampling will be conducted within quadrats or transects ranging in size from approximately 0.10 to 200 m<sup>2</sup> at each site. The number of transects or quadrats sampled per site will range from one (for larger invertebrates like sea stars) to 24 (divided equally between two vertical strata (or 4 vertical strata as in KBAY)) for smaller invertebrates and algae. The intent is to sample a number of units that will provide sufficient statistical power to detect changes ranging from 20% to 80% (dependent on the metric, see section below). These criteria were selected as ones that were both biologically meaningful and achievable given budgetary and logistical constraints.

Transects used for estimating black oystercatcher density were centered on sites used to sample intertidal invertebrates on rocky shores. Nest productivity is estimated at each nest site located within these transects and prey composition is measured at any nest site where prey are observed.

Sea otter abundance (aerial surveys) is estimated using counts of sea otters along transects within defined sea otter habitat throughout each region that were selected systematically with a random start point.

Sea otter foraging observations are to be made at sites wherever sea otters are seen foraging within a 5 km radius of intertidal sampling sites. This radius roughly corresponds to the annual home range for sea otters. Sampling will be focused as close to the invertebrate sites as possible but will be dependent on the presence of sea otters required to obtain the minimum sample of 50 forage bouts per year.

Carcasses of sea otter skulls are collected from wherever skulls are found within each region, but will focus on specific locations where large numbers of sea otter carcasses have been found in the past.

## C. DATA ANALYSIS AND STATISTICAL METHODS

### *Power and the levels of detectable change*

As indicated above, the objective of the sampling program is to assess how various metrics change over time and how those changes vary with respect to location and one another. The levels of change that we can expect to detect and the time and spatial scales over which they are to be detected vary with metric. The spatial scales over which trends will be examined range from a region (for large motile species like sea otters) to a site (for smaller, less motile species like mussels). In general, the goal for most biological metrics (e.g., abundance of sea otters, harlequin ducks, or dominant intertidal invertebrates like mussels) is to detect levels of change that are deemed to be of ecological importance (see Protocol Narrative for a discussion of determination of levels of change that are deemed ecologically important for each metric). In general, we intend to detect changes ranging from 20 to 80% (depending on the metric) at a given region (e.g., KATM or PWS). The ability to detect change can be expressed as power, the probability that a given level of change could be detected given the sampling design employed. Power analyses can also be used as a planning tool, to determine the sampling effort required to detect a given level of change with a prescribed power. It is anticipated that one of the primary methods used to detect change will conceptually take the form of mixed-model analyses (McCulloch et al. 2008) that examine, at a minimum, time (year) and location as the primary factors. The location factor consists of blocks (and in some cases sites nested within each block) with replicate samples within the block. Various mixed models would examine the extent of variation for a particular metric that could be attributed to location (e.g., region or sites within a block), time, and the interaction between these factors.

It is reasonable to assume that the power to detect a given level of change will increase over time as the number of surveys increases. This stresses the need for conducting periodic power analyses to suggest modifications to sampling designs over time and to ensure efficiency in the sampling. The power to detect a given level of change also depends on biases associated with a particular sampling regime (Tyre et al. 2003, Earnst et al. 2005). For example, these might include biases introduced by using different observers in aerial surveys of sea otters or birds or those associated with the inability to detect all individuals present. When possible, we will account for these biases in our analyses.

Data analyses and statistical methods that will be used to evaluate changes in the nearshore environment are detailed in Dean and Bodkin (2006) and Dean et al. (2014). In general, we will examine trends in each metric over time within each location, differences among locations over time, and interactions between time and locations (i.e., the extent to which changes within each location track changes across locations over time) through regression and information-theoretic (IT) criteria (Burnham and Anderson 2002, 2004). Competing hypotheses (models) will be selected a priori and those models will be ranked based on

their relative support (AIC values). These analyses will help to sort out effects of small scale sources of change (e.g., effects of oil in PWS or other location specific impacts such as logging activities) from larger scale sources of change (e.g., those due to climate change that are occurring over the entire GOA).

To illustrate that the current nearshore design is capable of assessing how various metrics change over time and how those changes vary with respect to location and one another, here we provide a brief overview of two publications that utilize data collected through the integrated design. A recent submission to an *Ecosphere* special issue (Coletti et al. in review) analyzed sea otter abundance, energy recovery rates and age at death data across KATM, KEFJ and WPWS. Because the monitoring design allows broad spatial inference and has direct food web linkages, we demonstrated the ability of our data to simultaneously detect change and examine potential mechanisms underlying that change. Specifically, our analysis of recent sea otter abundance at these three locations in the GOA indicates populations with divergent trajectories, including growth (WPWS), stability (KEFJ) and perhaps most recently, decline (KATM), although additional surveys will be required to verify findings. This spatial contrast among locations, one of the key design features of our monitoring program, suggests that mechanisms influencing sea otter abundance and trend can differ at relatively small scales. Further, these data suggest that sea otter abundance in the GOA currently is not being driven by Gulf-wide factors. The divergent trends in sea otter abundance allow us to evaluate those regional trends independently, using the diet and mortality data collected concurrently within each region.

In another example, a paper recently accepted by *Estuaries and Coasts* (Konar et al. submitted) tested hypotheses that rocky intertidal community structure is less similar at the local scale compared with the regional scale, coinciding with static drivers being less similar on smaller scales (sites within regions) than larger scales (across larger geographic regions). It also was hypothesized that static attributes mainly drive local biological community structure. For this, we examined multiple static variables (distance to freshwater, tidewater glacial presence, exposure to wave energy, fetch, beach slope, and substrate composition) to determine their importance in influencing biological communities at specific sites and across regions. Our results suggest that generally, biological communities in the northern GOA are not strongly influenced by the local static attributes measured in this analysis. An alternative is that the static attributes among our regions are not different enough to manifest a change in the biological communities. This lack of evidence for a strong driver associated with static attributes may be a result of the site selection process, which targeted sheltered rocky habitats, and may not have varied greatly in their static characteristics. If true, this suggests that our rocky sheltered sites may be well positioned to examine the influence of dynamic drivers, including those resulting from climate change (i.e., temperature, salinity). We have concluded that a longer term study at our monitoring sites should be able to tease apart the interactions of static and dynamic drivers. Hence, continuing data collection and analyses will focus on drivers of these communities.

These analyses enhance our understanding of system dynamics and illustrate the ability of the integrated design to detect change and infer cause. Because of this, we expect our results to promote conservation and improve management of natural resources.

## D. DESCRIPTION OF STUDY AREA

**Locations** (see Figure 5):

**Western PWS** (5 intensive sites): This study area was funded by EVOSTC (Projects 10100750 and 12120114-R, covering data collection during 2010-2016. We are requesting funds to continue monitoring the study sites long-term, including 2017–2021.

**Katmai and Kenai** National Parks (5 intensive sites each park): These study areas have been funded primarily by NPS, with data collection at Katmai ongoing since 2006, and at Kenai since 2007. We request funding for support of sea otter aerial surveys at KATM, KEFJ and WPWS areas (alternate years each location), for the charter vessel to Katmai for annual sampling, and for continuing support of personnel who will be involved in data collection, analysis and management across all study locations, 2017-2021.

**Kachemak Bay** (6 intensive sites): Monitoring of intertidal invertebrates, algae and seagrass beds in nearshore areas of Kachemak Bay has been ongoing for over a decade, along with extensive sea otter surveys, shellfish surveys, and oceanographic measurements. Intertidal survey methods have followed slightly different but overall comparable protocols to those used in the other proposed nearshore study areas. We implemented modified sampling protocols in 2012 that made sampling more consistent with other areas. We also conducted a comparison of protocols between KBAY and the other regions in 2015 and found them to be similar (in Konar et al. submitted). We request support for continued work in 2017-2021.

## 5. Coordination and Collaboration

### ***WITHIN THE PROGRAM***

The nearshore component of GWA is a highly coordinated effort involving multiple PIs with expertise on various aspects of nearshore ecosystems; the overall design and coordination are critical for drawing inference about factors affecting the nearshore. Since 2012 under GWA, there have been two nearshore projects (15120114-R Nearshore Benthic Systems in the GOA and 12120114-L, Ecological Trends in Kachemak Bay). The two projects have worked closely in the past five years to ensure that data collected in Kachemak Bay are comparable with those from other nearshore sites across the GOA and provide another window into the causative factors and spatial extent of changes in nearshore systems. For example, we collaborated with Drs. Konar and Iken to combine data sets for analyses presented in the 2014 GWA Science Synthesis report, which is in prep to be submitted to a peer reviewed journal. In addition, for 2017-2021, we have proposed to integrate the two nearshore projects into a single program to further our collaboration.

An educational collaboration also exists within this project. There are two University of Alaska field courses that are taught by Konar and Iken at the Kasitsna Bay Lab that assist with the data collection used in this program. Students will get valuable experience and training from participating in this project and the project will benefit from having these students. In addition, the KBAY portion of this project provides summer funding for one graduate student who can then dedicate more time to assist in the sampling and sample processing.

We have worked closely with the other GWA components (Environmental Drivers and Pelagic) over the previous five years to identify data sets that can be shared. For example, Environmental Drivers data were used extensively in our analysis of mussel trends across the Gulf of Alaska, presented in the GWA Science

Synthesis report (Monson et al. 2015). For the next five years, we hypothesize that productivity in the nearshore is strongly influenced by physical oceanographic processes. It will be a priority to evaluate whether or not changes that may be noted in the nearshore systems are reflected in either oceanographic conditions or in synchronous changes in pelagic species and conditions. The geographic scale of our study (GOA-wide) will provide greater ability to discern both potential linkages across these diverse components, as well as among the study areas within the nearshore, allowing us to evaluate relations and changes in the nearshore resources. We will incorporate data on annual and seasonal patterns measured in the Environmental Drivers component of the overall study as well as data from the Pelagic study components.

In July 2015, during our fieldwork in KATM, we coordinated with the GWA Environmental Drivers component (Doroff and Holderied) to collect phytoplankton and mussel samples in light of the harmful algal bloom documented in 2015. These samples are still being analyzed. With oceanographic conditions continuing to change, we anticipate further collaboration with the Environmental Drivers group to collect relevant physical and biological data.

As productivity in the nearshore is strongly influenced by physical oceanographic processes, it will be a priority to evaluate whether or not changes that may be noted in the nearshore systems are reflected in either oceanographic conditions or in synchronous changes in pelagic species and conditions. The geographic scale of our study (GOA-wide) will provide greater ability to discern both potential linkages across these diverse components, as well as among the study areas within the nearshore, allowing us to evaluate relations and changes in the nearshore resources. We will incorporate data on annual and seasonal patterns measured in the Environmental Drivers component of the overall study as well as data from the Pelagic study components. For example, we have documented synchronicity at various time and spatial scales in the abundance of mussels in the Gulf of Alaska with cascading effects to upper trophic levels (Monson et al. 2015). Continued monitoring focused on identifying mechanisms of change (e.g., recruitment versus adult survival) may be needed to identify the ultimate driver of the observed synchrony. One component of the overall LTM of particular importance to the nearshore is surveys of nearshore marine birds, which will be accomplished in PWS through the Marine Bird Population Trends monitoring component (representing a further long-term data set; see Irons et al. 2000) and at Kenai Fjords and Katmai by the NPS SWAN program. Contrasting the changes occurring in the pelagic and nearshore environments during the recent years when GOA waters have warmed by several degrees in 2014 and 2015 (<https://alaskapacificblob.wordpress.com/2016/02/09/subsurface-warmth-persists/>) may be particularly illuminating.

We have been working with Tuula Hollmen and Lisa Sztukowski of the Alaska SeaLife Center (ASLC) on a nearshore conceptual model, leading from variation in prey to variation in behavioral and demographic responses in consumers such as sea otters and sea ducks.

Finally, data collected by the nearshore component are relevant for understanding ecosystem recovery with respect to the Lingering Oil component (e.g., sea otter abundance, energy recovery rate, and age-at-death data) have all been used to evaluate population recovery to this point (Ballachey et al. 2014b).

### ***WITH OTHER EVOSTC-FUNDED PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS***

The Nearshore Component of GWA historically has been closely linked with the Lingering Oil component, given that lingering oil occurs in nearshore habitats and affects nearshore species. Although the EVOSTC has indicated that Lingering Oil will be treated as a separate program in the upcoming 5 years, those

conceptual and collaborative linkages remain. In 2016, a Lingering Oil proposal will be submitted by L. Bowen, K. Miles, B. Ballachey, J. Bodkin and colleagues to address exposure and effects of hydrocarbons in mussels. If funded, extensive collaboration and synergies will occur between programs, including sample collection, logistical support, conceptual considerations, and shared analysis of relevant data streams.

Also, an associated “above-ceiling” proposal is being submitted, which would (1) establish high-intensity sites for asking critical directed questions that inform ongoing monitoring and (2) address factors leading to variability in population dynamics of mussels. As indicated above, mussels are a key element of nearshore communities. While we have the ability to accurately describe variation in mussels at a number of spatial and temporal scales, our annual monitoring cannot elucidate the underlying mechanisms leading to observed changes. Therefore, the proposed work will look closely at the relative importance of bottom-up and top-down effects on mussels, and how that changes over time and space. This work would be done with a high degree of collaboration with Nearshore and Environmental Drivers Components of GWA. It also would provide insights on processes that affect results of mussel monitoring, which in turn make the findings most useful for managers as they anticipate change in marine ecosystems.

### ***WITH TRUSTEE OR MANAGEMENT AGENCIES***

In addition to the logistical, administrative, and in-kind support that the NPS, USGS, NOAA and University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) has provided to ensure the success of the GWA Nearshore component, there are several additional projects with trustee and management agencies that the nearshore component of GWA has collaborated with. Below are several recent examples. We expect to continue these projects.

#### NPS sea otters in KEFJ

In 2013, building on GWA findings indicating that sea otters in KEFJ consume mussels at much higher frequencies than at other areas, we initiated a study of annual patterns in mussel energetics and sea otter foraging at KEFJ, funded by NPS and USGS. That study is to be completed in 2016. Initial results indicate that mussel energy density varies seasonally, likely corresponding to spawning condition. Further, we found that mussel consumption by otters varied slightly seasonally in association with varying mussel energy density, but overall mussel consumption was high in KEFJ across seasons.

#### NPRB sea otter study

Our GWA nearshore data from KATM contributed to USGS and North Pacific Research Board (NPRB) studies of the status of the southwest Alaska stock of sea otters, which is listed as threatened under the Marine Mammal Protection Act. These data are shared with the USFWS, Marine Mammals Management, who is responsible for sea otter management. NPRB Project 717 Final Report, Estes, Bodkin and Tinker 2010.

#### NPS Changing Tides

Nearshore GWA PIs (Ballachey, Bodkin, Coletti, and Esler) worked with NPS on the ‘Changing Tides’ Project. This study examines the linkages between terrestrial and marine ecosystems and is funded by the National Park Foundation. Field work was initiated in July 2015 with in-kind support from our KATM vessel charter. National Parks in Southwest Alaska are facing a myriad of management concerns that were previously unknown for these remote coasts, including increasing visitation, expanded commercial and industrial development, and environmental changes due to natural and anthropogenic forces. These are concerns because of their potential to significantly degrade and potentially impair resources in coastal

systems. The project has three key components: (1) brown bear fitness and use of marine resources, (2) health of bivalves (clams and mussels), and (3) an integrated outreach program. We (GWA nearshore component) assisted with the collection of a variety of bivalve species from the coast of Katmai National Park and Preserve. Several specimens were kept live in small aquarium-like containers, and condition and performance metrics were assessed in the laboratory by ASLC collaborators Tuula Hollmen and Katrina Counihan. Others are being used to perform genetic transcription diagnostics (gene expression) to measure the physiologic responses of individuals to stressors, in collaboration with Liz Bowen and Keith Miles of USGS. This project will increase our understanding of how various stressors may affect both marine intertidal invertebrates and bear populations at multiple spatial and temporal scales.

BOEM Nearshore community assessments

Nearshore component PIs (Coletti, Iken, Konar and Lindeberg) have been working on development of recommendations to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) for nearshore community assessment and long-term monitoring. The BOEM Proposed Final Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Leasing Program 2012-2017 includes proposed Lease Sale 244 in the Cook Inlet Planning Area in 2017. An OCS Cook Inlet Lease Sale National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis has not been undertaken since 2003. Updated information is needed to support an analysis associated with the planned lease sale. The overall objective of this study is to provide data on habitats and sensitive species to support environmental analyses for NEPA documents, potential future Exploration Plans, and Development and Production Plans. The goal was to utilize existing protocols already developed thorough GWA when possible to ensure data comparability. The project will be ongoing through 2019 and all data are being provided to the Alaska Ocean Observing System data portal.

**WITH NATIVE AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES**

We have no plans for local or native community involvement at this time.

**6. Schedule**

**PROGRAM MILESTONES**

<i>Deliverable/Milestone</i>	<i>Status</i>
Field Work (multiple trips, multiple tasks per trip to collect data on series of nearshore metrics); KATM, KEFJ, WPWS, KBAY	Completed, April - July, Annually
Upload Data To Project Website	To be Completed 1 Year After Collection
PI's Attend Annual Program Meeting	To be Completed Annually
Meet All Program Reporting Requirements	To be Completed Annually

**MEASURABLE PROGRAM TASKS**

The projected schedule of tasks for the nearshore benthic component is outlined in Table 1.

1. Annual Collection of sea otter skulls for determination of age-at-death.
2. Annual collection of sea otter diet and energy recovery rate data.
3. Aerial surveys of sea otter abundance.
4. Sampling of intertidal invertebrates and algae.
5. Sampling of sea grasses.
6. Sampling diet and productivity of black oystercatchers.
7. Sampling marine bird and mammal density (summer).
8. Sampling marine bird and mammal density (winter).
9. Stable isotope analysis of selected nearshore species.
10. Contaminants analysis
11. All reporting

**Table 1. Schedule of Measurable Program Tasks**

Task	FY17				FY18				FY19				FY20				FY21			
	Quarter (EVOSTC FY beginning Feb. 1)																			
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
<b>Task 1 - Collection of sea otter skulls for determination of age-at-death</b>	X	X			X	X			X	X			X	X			X	X		
<b>Task 2 - Annual collection of sea otter diet and energy recovery rate data</b>		X				X				X				X				X		
<b>Task 3 - Aerial surveys of sea otter abundance (alternating between KATM, KEFJ and WPWS)</b>		X				X				X				X				X		
<b>Task 4 - Sampling of intertidal invertebrates and algae</b>		X				X				X				X				X		
<b>Task 5 - Sampling of sea grasses and subtidal kelps</b>		X				X				X				X				X		
<b>Task 6 - Diet and productivity of black oystercatchers</b>		X				X				X				X				X		
<b>Task 7 - Marine bird and mammal surveys (summer KATM and KEFJ)</b>		X				X				X				X				X		
<b>Task 8 - Marine bird and mammal surveys (winter KATM or KEFJ, alternate years)</b>	X				X				X				X				X			
<b>Task 9 - Stable isotope analysis of selected nearshore species</b>		X				X				X				X				X		
<b>Task 10 - Contaminant analysis</b>						X														
<b>Task 11 - Reporting</b>																				

Task	FY17				FY18				FY19				FY20				FY21			
	Quarter (EVOSTC FY beginning Feb. 1)																			
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Published data sets available			X				X				X				X				X	
Annual Rpts	X				X				X				X				X			
Annual PI meeting				X				X				X				X				X
FY Work Plan (DPD)			X				X				X				X					

**FY 17 (Year 6)**

- FY17, 1st quarter** (February 1, 2017 - April 30, 2017)  
*Submit year 5 (2016) annual reports (Feb. 1)*  
*PI data compliance – prior year available to public*  
*Field work includes collection of sea otter skulls for age-at-death determination during April in PWS (task 1) and winter (March) marine bird and mammal surveys in either KATM or KEFJ, depending on NPS priority (NPS funded)*  
*Continue to prepare for upcoming field season (all logistics including staff, timing, equipment, vessel contracts and travel)*
- FY17, 2nd quarter** (May 1, 2017 - July 31, 2017)  
*All field tasks initiated and completed in all three regions (KBAY, KATM, KEFJ and WPWS) (May, June and July)*  
*WPWS sea otter aerial survey (June)*  
*Open submissions for GWA Special Issue (July 1, 2016)*
- FY17, 3rd quarter** (August 1 2017 - October 31, 2017)  
*Annual workplan completed*  
*Datasets from current year posted on the internal Ocean Workspace*  
*End Special Issue submission period (Sept. 30, 2016)*
- FY17, 4th quarter** (November 1, 2017 - January 31, 2018)  
*Analysis continues along with preparation for annual GWA meeting in November and for Alaska Marine Science Symposium in January*  
*Begin annual report, summarize annual results including outreach as well as publications*

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**FY 2018 (Year 7)**

- FY18, 1st quarter** (February 1, 2018 - April 30, 2018)  
*Submit year 1 annual reports (Feb. 1)*  
*PI data compliance – prior year available to public*

*Field work includes collection of sea otter skulls for age-at-death determination during April in PWS (task 1) and winter (March) marine bird and mammal surveys in either KATM or KEFJ, depending on NPS priority (NPS funded)*

*Continue to prepare for upcoming field season (all logistics including staff, timing, equipment, vessel contracts and travel)*

**FY18, 2nd quarter** (May 1, 2018 - July 31, 2018)  
*All field tasks initiated and completed in all three regions (KBAY, KATM, KEFJ and WPWS) (May, June and July)*  
*KATM sea otter aerial survey (July)*  
*Samples collected for contaminant analyses in all regions*

**FY18, 3rd quarter** (August 1, 2018 - October 31, 2018)  
*Annual workplan completed*  
*Datasets from current year posted on the internal Ocean Workspace*

**FY18, 4th quarter** (November 1, 2018 - January 31, 2019)  
*Analysis continues along with preparation for annual GWA meeting in November and for Alaska Marine Science Symposium in January*  
*Begin annual report, summarize annual results including outreach as well as publications*

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**FY 2019 (Year 8)**

**FY19, 1st quarter** (February 1, 2019 - April 30, 2019)  
*Submit year 2 annual reports (Feb. 1)*  
*PI data compliance – prior year available to public*  
*Field work includes collection of sea otter skulls for age-at-death determination during April in PWS (task 1) and winter (March) marine bird and mammal surveys in either KATM or KEFJ, depending on NPS priority (NPS funded)*  
*Continue to prepare for upcoming field season (all logistics including staff, timing, equipment, vessel contracts and travel)*

**FY19, 2nd quarter** (May 1, 2019 - July 31, 2019)  
*All field tasks initiated and completed in all three regions (KBAY, KATM, KEFJ and WPWS) (May, June and July)*  
*KEFJ sea otter aerial survey (June)*

**FY19, 3rd quarter** (August 1, 2019 - October 31, 2019)  
*Annual workplan completed*  
*Datasets from current year posted on the internal Ocean Workspace*

**FY19, 4th quarter** (November 1, 2019 - January 31, 2020)

*Analysis continues along with preparation for annual GWA meeting in November and for Alaska Marine Science Symposium in January*

*Begin annual report, summarize annual results including outreach as well as publications*

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**FY 2020 (Year 9)**

**FY20, 1st quarter** (February 1, 2020 - April 30, 2020)  
*Submit year 3 annual reports (Feb. 1)*

*PI data compliance – prior year available to public*

*Field work includes collection of sea otter skulls for age-at-death determination during April in PWS (task 1) and winter (March) marine bird and mammal surveys in either KATM or KEFJ, depending on NPS priority (NPS funded)*

*Continue to prepare for upcoming field season (all logistics including staff, timing, equipment, vessel contracts and travel)*

**FY20, 2nd quarter** (May 1, 2020 - July 31, 2020)  
*All field tasks initiated and completed in all three regions (KBAY, KATM, KEFJ and WPWS) (May, June and July)*

*WPWS sea otter aerial survey (June)*

**FY20, 3rd quarter** (August 1, 2020 - October 31, 2020)  
*Annual workplan completed*

*Datasets from current year posted on the internal Ocean Workspace*

**FY20, 4th quarter** (November 1, 2020 - January 31, 2021)  
*Analysis continues along with preparation for annual GWA meeting in November and for Alaska Marine Science Symposium in January*

*Begin annual report, summarize annual results including outreach as well as publications*

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**FY 2021 (Year 10)**

**FY21, 1st quarter** (February 1, 2021 - April 30, 2021)  
*Submit year 4 annual reports (Feb. 1)*

*PI data compliance – prior year available to public*

*Field work includes collection of sea otter skulls for age-at-death determination during April in PWS (task 1) and winter (March) marine bird and mammal surveys in either KATM or KEFJ, depending on NPS priority (NPS funded)*

**FY21, 2nd quarter** (May 1, 2021 - July 31, 2021)

*All field tasks initiated and completed in all three regions (KBAY, KATM, KEFJ and WPWS) (May, June and July)*

*KATM sea otter aerial survey (July)*

**FY21, 3rd quarter** (August 1, 2021 - October 31, 2021)

*Annual workplan completed*

*Datasets from current year posted on the internal Ocean Workspace*

**FY21, 4th quarter** (November 1, 2021 - January 31, 2022)

*Analysis continues along with preparation for annual GWA meeting in November and for Alaska Marine Science Symposium in January*

*Begin annual report, summarize annual results including outreach as well as publications*

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**FY 2022 (Year 11)**

**FY22, 1st quarter** (February 1, 2022 - April 30, 2022)

*Submit year 5 final reports (Feb. 1)*

## **7. Budget**

### ***BUDGET FORMS (ATTACHED)***

Completed budget forms are attached.

### ***SOURCES OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING***

Annual in-kind contributions consist of staff time (USGS = \$92K; NPS = \$130k; NOAA = \$10k), reduced charter costs (USGS = \$45K; NPS= \$25K), winter bird surveys (NPS=\$18K through 2019), use of equipment such as rigid-hull inflatable, inflatables/outboards, GPSs, spotting scopes, field laptops, sounding equipment (USGS = \$40K; NPS = \$40K) and commodities (USGS = \$5k; NPS = \$5K). NPS budgets are projected to decline over time based on agency 5-year planning.

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#### PROJECT DATA ONLINE

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**Current activities related to the proposed project:** Monitoring resources that are explicitly linked to the marine nearshore along regions within the Gulf of Alaska through the NPS SWAN I&M program and Gulf Watch Alaska.

**Selected Publications**

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<b>Budget Category:</b>	Proposed FY 17	Proposed FY 18	Proposed FY 19	Proposed FY 20	Proposed FY 21	TOTAL PROPOSED	ACTUAL CUMULATIVE
Personnel	\$228.8	\$229.1	\$229.4	\$229.8	\$230.1	\$1,147.2	
Travel	\$17.4	\$17.5	\$17.6	\$17.7	\$17.8	\$88.0	
Contractual	\$83.1	\$120.6	\$83.1	\$83.1	\$83.1	\$453.0	
Commodities	\$23.9	\$23.0	\$23.0	\$23.0	\$23.0	\$115.9	
Equipment	\$5.0	\$15.0	\$14.0	\$5.0	\$5.0	\$44.0	
Indirect Costs ( <i>will vary by proposer</i> )	\$10.5	\$10.2	\$10.3	\$10.4	\$10.5	\$51.9	
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$368.7</b>	<b>\$415.4</b>	<b>\$377.4</b>	<b>\$369.0</b>	<b>\$369.6</b>	<b>\$1,900.0</b>	
General Administration (9% of subtotal)	\$33.2	\$37.4	\$34.0	\$33.2	\$33.3	\$171.0	N/A
<b>PROJECT TOTAL</b>	<b>\$401.9</b>	<b>\$452.7</b>	<b>\$411.4</b>	<b>\$402.2</b>	<b>\$402.8</b>	<b>\$2,071.0</b>	
Other Resources (Cost Share Funds)	\$410.0	\$410.0	\$410.0	\$392.0	\$392.0	\$2,014.0	

**COMMENTS:**  
This is the combined budget for the individual Coletti/Esler and Iken/Konar budgets that follow. Coletti is affiliated with the National Park Service, A Trustee Agency, Esler is affiliated with the U.S. Geological Survey, a Trustee Agency, and Iken and Konar are affiliated with the University of Alaska Fairbanks, a Non-Trustee Agency. The budgets have been combined by using a Non-Trustee Agency budget reporting form. This form contains the summary information only. Detail by year for each of the Trustee and Non-Trustee Agency PIs can be found in the following two worksheets.

**FY17-21**

**Project Title: Nearshore**  
**Primary Investigators: H. Coletti, D. Esler, K. Iken, & B. Konar**

**NON-TRUSTEE AGENCY  
SUMMARY PAGE**

<b>Budget Category:</b>	Proposed FY 17	Proposed FY 18	Proposed FY 19	Proposed FY 20	Proposed FY 21	TOTAL PROPOSED	ACTUAL CUMULATIVE
Personnel	\$194.1	\$194.1	\$194.1	\$194.1	\$194.1	\$970.5	
Travel	\$15.5	\$15.5	\$15.5	\$15.5	\$15.5	\$77.5	
Contractual	\$80.9	\$118.4	\$80.9	\$80.9	\$80.9	\$442.0	
Commodities	\$20.7	\$21.5	\$21.5	\$21.5	\$21.5	\$106.7	
Equipment	\$5.0	\$15.0	\$14.0	\$5.0	\$5.0	\$44.0	
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$316.2</b>	<b>\$364.5</b>	<b>\$326.0</b>	<b>\$317.0</b>	<b>\$317.0</b>	<b>\$1,640.7</b>	
General Administration (9% of subtotal)	\$28.5	\$32.8	\$29.3	\$28.5	\$28.5	\$147.7	N/A
<b>PROJECT TOTAL</b>	<b>\$344.7</b>	<b>\$397.3</b>	<b>\$355.3</b>	<b>\$345.5</b>	<b>\$345.5</b>	<b>\$1,788.4</b>	
Other Resources (Cost Share Funds)	\$410.0	\$410.0	\$410.0	\$392.0	\$392.0	\$2,014.0	

**COMMENTS:**

Annual in-kind contributions consist of staff time (USGS = \$92K; NPS = \$130k; NOAA = \$10k), reduced charter costs (USGS = \$45K; NPS= \$25K), winter bird surveys (NPS=\$18K), use of equipment such as rigid-hull inflatable, inflatables/outboards, GPSs, spotting scopes, field laptops, sounding equipment (USGS = \$40K; NPS = \$40K) and commodities (USGS = \$5k; NPS = \$5K). NPS budgets are projected to decline over time based on agency 5-year planning.

**FY17-21**

**Project Title: Nearshore**  
**Primary Investigator: Coletti & Esler**  
**Agency: NPS & USGS**

**TRUSTEE AGENCY  
SUMMARY PAGE**

<b>Personnel Costs:</b>		Months Budgeted	Monthly Costs	Overtime	Personnel Sum
Name	Project Title				
D. Esler (USGS)		1.0	10.5		10.5
G. Esslinger (USGS)		1.0	9.5		9.5
K. Kloecker (USGS)		4.0	9.9		39.6
D. Monson (USGS)		4.0	10.4		41.6
B. Weitzman (USGS)		6.0	6.7		40.2
Tech (USGS or NPS)		6.0	6.7		40.2
Overtime (estimated)		1.0	12.5		12.5
					0.0
					0.0
					0.0
					0.0
					0.0
Subtotal			66.2	0.0	
<b>Personnel Total</b>					<b>\$194.1</b>

<b>Travel Costs:</b>	Ticket Price	Round Trips	Total Days	Daily Per Diem	Travel Sum
Description					
Field Travel (NOAA)					2.5
AMSS and LTM PI meetings (Coletti)	0.5	3	15	0.2	4.5
Field travel (NPS)					2.5
Field travel (USGS)					6.0
					0.0
					0.0
					0.0
					0.0
					0.0
					0.0
					0.0
					0.0
<b>Travel Total</b>					<b>\$15.5</b>

**FY17**

**Project Title: Nearshore  
 Primary Investigator: Coletti & Esler  
 Agency: NPS & USGS**

**FORM 4B  
 PERSONNEL & TRAVEL  
 DETAIL**





<b>Personnel Costs:</b>		Months Budgeted	Monthly Costs	Overtime	Personnel Sum
Name	Project Title				
D. Esler (USGS)		1.0	10.5		10.5
G. Esslinger (USGS)		1.0	9.5		9.5
K. Kloecker (USGS)		4.0	9.9		39.6
D. Monson (USGS)		4.0	10.4		41.6
B. Weitzman (USGS)		6.0	6.7		40.2
Tech (USGS or NPS)		6.0	6.7		40.2
Overtime (estimated)		1.0	12.5		12.5
					0.0
					0.0
					0.0
					0.0
					0.0
		Subtotal	66.2	0.0	
<b>Personnel Total</b>					<b>\$194.1</b>

<b>Travel Costs:</b>	Ticket Price	Round Trips	Total Days	Daily Per Diem	Travel Sum
Description					
Field Travel (NOAA)					2.5
AMSS and LTM PI meetings (Coletti)	0.5	3	15	0.2	4.5
Field travel (NPS)					2.5
Field travel (USGS)					6.0
					0.0
					0.0
					0.0
					0.0
					0.0
					0.0
					0.0
					0.0
<b>Travel Total</b>					<b>\$15.5</b>

**FY18**

**Project Title: Nearshore  
 Primary Investigator: Coletti & Esler  
 Agency: NPS & USGS**

**FORM 4B  
 PERSONNEL & TRAVEL  
 DETAIL**





<b>Personnel Costs:</b>		Months Budgeted	Monthly Costs	Overtime	Personnel Sum	
Name	Project Title					
D. Esler (USGS)		1.0	10.5		10.5	
G. Esslinger (USGS)		1.0	9.5		9.5	
K. Kloecker (USGS)		4.0	9.9		39.6	
D. Monson (USGS)		4.0	10.4		41.6	
B. Weitzman (USGS)		6.0	6.7		40.2	
Tech (USGS or NPS)		6.0	6.7		40.2	
Overtime (estimated)		1.0	12.5		12.5	
					0.0	
					0.0	
					0.0	
					0.0	
					0.0	
		Subtotal	66.2	0.0		
					<b>Personnel Total</b>	<b>\$194.1</b>

<b>Travel Costs:</b>	Ticket Price	Round Trips	Total Days	Daily Per Diem	Travel Sum	
Description						
Field Travel (NOAA)					2.5	
AMSS and LTM PI meetings (Coletti)	0.5	3	15	0.2	4.5	
Field travel (NPS)					2.5	
Field travel (USGS)					6.0	
					0.0	
					0.0	
					0.0	
					0.0	
					0.0	
					0.0	
					0.0	
					<b>Travel Total</b>	<b>\$15.5</b>

**FY19**

**Project Title: Nearshore  
 Primary Investigator: Coletti & Esler  
 Agency: NPS & USGS**

**FORM 4B  
 PERSONNEL & TRAVEL  
 DETAIL**





<b>Personnel Costs:</b>		Months Budgeted	Monthly Costs	Overtime	Personnel Sum
Name	Project Title				
D. Esler (USGS)		1.0	10.5		10.5
G. Esslinger (USGS)		1.0	9.5		9.5
K. Kloecker (USGS)		4.0	9.9		39.6
D. Monson (USGS)		4.0	10.4		41.6
B. Weitzman (USGS)		6.0	6.7		40.2
Tech (USGS or NPS)		6.0	6.7		40.2
Overtime (estimated)		1.0	12.5		12.5
					0.0
					0.0
					0.0
					0.0
					0.0
		Subtotal	66.2	0.0	
<b>Personnel Total</b>					<b>\$194.1</b>

<b>Travel Costs:</b>	Ticket Price	Round Trips	Total Days	Daily Per Diem	Travel Sum
Description					
Field Travel (NOAA)					2.5
AMSS and LTM PI meetings (Coletti)	0.5	3	15	0.2	4.5
Field travel (NPS)					2.5
Field travel (USGS)					6.0
					0.0
					0.0
					0.0
					0.0
					0.0
					0.0
					0.0
					0.0
<b>Travel Total</b>					<b>\$15.5</b>

**FY20**

**Project Title: Nearshore  
 Primary Investigator: Coletti & Esler  
 Agency: NPS & USGS**

**FORM 4B  
 PERSONNEL & TRAVEL  
 DETAIL**





<b>Personnel Costs:</b>		Months Budgeted	Monthly Costs	Overtime	Personnel Sum
Name	Project Title				
D. Esler (USGS)		1.0	10.5		10.5
G. Esslinger (USGS)		1.0	9.5		9.5
K. Kloecker (USGS)		4.0	9.9		39.6
D. Monson (USGS)		4.0	10.4		41.6
B. Weitzman (USGS)		6.0	6.7		40.2
Tech (USGS or NPS)		6.0	6.7		40.2
Overtime (estimated)		1.0	12.5		12.5
					0.0
					0.0
					0.0
					0.0
					0.0
Subtotal			66.2	0.0	
<b>Personnel Total</b>					<b>\$194.1</b>

<b>Travel Costs:</b>	Ticket Price	Round Trips	Total Days	Daily Per Diem	Travel Sum
Description					
Field Travel (NOAA)					2.5
AMSS and LTM PI meetings (Coletti)	0.5	3	15	0.2	4.5
Field travel (NPS)					2.5
Field travel (USGS)					6.0
					0.0
					0.0
					0.0
					0.0
					0.0
					0.0
					0.0
					0.0
<b>Travel Total</b>					<b>\$15.5</b>

**FY21**

**Project Title: Nearshore**  
**Primary Investigator: Coletti & Esler**  
**Agency: NPS & USGS**

**FORM 4B**  
**PERSONNEL & TRAVEL**  
**DETAIL**





<b>Budget Category:</b>	Proposed FY 17	Proposed FY 18	Proposed FY 19	Proposed FY 20	Proposed FY 21	TOTAL PROPOSED	ACTUAL CUMULATIVE
Personnel	\$34.7	\$35.0	\$35.3	\$35.7	\$36.0	\$176.7	
Travel	\$1.9	\$2.0	\$2.1	\$2.2	\$2.3	\$10.5	
Contractual	\$2.2	\$2.2	\$2.2	\$2.2	\$2.2	\$11.0	
Commodities	\$3.2	\$1.5	\$1.5	\$1.5	\$1.5	\$9.2	
Equipment	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	
Indirect Costs (25%)	\$10.50	\$10.17	\$10.28	\$10.40	\$10.52	\$ 51.87	
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	\$52.50	\$50.9	\$51.4	\$52.0	\$52.6	\$259.3	
General Administration (9% of subtotal)	\$4.7	\$4.6	\$4.6	\$4.7	\$4.7	\$23.3	N/A
<b>PROJECT TOTAL</b>	\$57.2	\$55.4	\$56.0	\$56.7	\$57.3	\$282.7	
Other Resources (Cost Share Funds)	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	

**COMMENTS:**  
 -Year 1 will have greater amount of budget for equipment and supplies and travel  
 -Tuition has a 5-10% yearly increase for student employees.

**FY17-21**

**Project Title: Kachemak Bay Ecology**  
**Primary Investigator: Brenda Konar and Katrin Iken**

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