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Project Title:	Lingering Oil: Pathways of Ex	posure and Po	pulation S	tatus (ABL)			
Project Period:	FY04 - FY 06	FY04 - FY 06					
Proposer(s):		Stanley Rice (Habitat Program Manager), Jeff W. Short, Mandy Lindeberg NOAA/NMFS Auke Bay Laboratory					
Study Location:	Prince William Sound						
Abstract:	Lingering oil from the <i>Exxon</i> W Prince William Sound and appeduck populations in these areas documented the extent of oiling we have determined that oil is defines potential for exposure, 2003 and 2004, we are determined quantifying the probability of of ducks have not recovered. Pre- be analyzed in 2004, and will be 2004 to meet the needs of the of USGS. With the mechanism of determined, the research theme extent and probability of oil ex Lower Passage, and Bay of Isle in the decision process regardinactions.	ears to have c . Studies cond g throughout to bioavailable to but is not equ ning the signi oil encounters y and passive be supplement on-going taggi f exposure from will move to posure in three es. Information ng future miti	hronic effer ducted in 20 he sound, a o predators al to exposs ficance of 1 in areas wh samplers c ed with add ing studies om lower in ward the go e restricted on gained in gation, litig	cts on sea otter and sea 001-02 have and as of this writing, . Bioavailability ure or significance. In lingering oil by here sea otters and sea ollected in 2003 will ditional samples in of otters and ducks by itertidal oil deposits bal of determining the l areas: Herring Bay, n this project could aid			
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INTRODUCTION

From the late 1990's to present, the finding of oil persistence and evidence of continued exposure and impacts to sea otters and sea ducks are the most surprising and best documented of the long term impacts of the Exxon Valdez oil spill (Ballachy et. al., 2001a and b; Bodkin et. al., 2002; Brodersen et. al., 1999; Carls et. al., 2001; Esler et. al., 2000). The results were unanticipated and have sparked some levels of controversy. Acute toxicity was expected in the early days of the spill, but the lingering oil and effects 12 years after the spill were never anticipated. In 2001, rigorous field surveys documented the extent and intensity of the lingering oil throughout the western part of Prince William Sound, thus giving strong support to the growing evidence of continued exposure to sea otters and sea ducks, and providing a chemical basis for the positive biomarker findings (Short et. al., 2002). These results suggest that the poor recovery of the toplevel predators in some areas of the sound is constrained by continued oil exposure. In particular, some of the heaviest oiled areas in 1989 continue to have a significant incidence of oil, including subsurface oil that is relatively low in the intertidal zone and in the biologically productive zone. The species continuing to show impacts share one thing in common; they live, forage, or spawn in the intertidal zone, where stranded oil continues to have some persistence. Hence there is a match between oil persistence and life history traits.

There is an obvious correlation between oil presence and low-level predator effects, but the case for cause-effect can be better defined using persistence and bioavailability studies linked with biological studies measuring effects. The quantities of lingering oil found in some locations during summer 2001 were surprising, especially the predominance in the lower intertidal, which is closer to the biological zones where the predators sometimes feed. This stimulated the bioavailability study in 2002, and the positive results from bioavailability indicate that linkage between predators and lingering oil should be studied more extensively. Since the direct observation of feeding otters or ducks on an oil patch are very unlikely, proving linkage will be challenging and will require more of an indirect probabilistic approach. While there may be otters or ducks in the vicinity of an oil patch, each individual has preferred diets and feeding habits. As the patches of oil get smaller with time, the oil encounters will likely be infrequent, and only a fraction of the population in the area will encounter the oil, thus requiring rigorous sampling designs to capture the significance.

There are two basic strategies that could be used in linkage studies, direct observation and indirect (or probabilistic) approach. Both approaches have advantages and disadvantages, and this study contains elements of both strategies.

The direct observation of linkage would be the preferred approach, if it worked. This approach has higher probabilities in the early years following a spill, and less probability of success as the encounter rate declines. In this approach, otters and sea ducks would be sampled for elevated p450 enzyme induction, radio tagged, and followed for a portion of the year to determine their home range and primary feeding areas. Then the specific feeding habitat would be sampled to determine if the prey and habitat still contain oil, or not. This approach would have had a higher probability of success in earlier years, but as the lingering oil diminishes with time, and P450

levels return toward base levels, there will be lower chances of finding specific predators with elevated P450 feeding in <u>specific</u> oiled locations. What we do not know is how many exposures, or how often, does it take to diminish the survivals of otters or sea ducks, or to sustain an elevated P450. Will one contaminated feeding per week, or per month sustain the biomarker effects? If the exposures are from rare encounters, will the limited visual observations catch the animal at the appropriate site? Can we sample enough predators, and enough habitats? This approach will be attempted by sampling the habitat and prey, based on observations from USGS on otters and Harlequin ducks that have been sampled for P450 and radio tagged.

The indirect or probabilistic approach has a higher probability of success in later years. We can determine how much oil remains within a specific feeding range, including prey, but we may never actually observe an animal feeding at specific oiled patch. That is the "weak link" in this approach. In this approach, we would determine the amount of lingering oil remaining within a certain range and sample the intertidal zone down to the "zero" tide level, where oil and prey are known to exist. The random approach utilized in the original 2001 shoreline survey would be modified, but the approach would be similar. The numbers of sample sites within three areas, ranging from Herring bay (heavily oiled, no otters) to Lower Passage and Bay of Isles where some oil and predators are present. By combining the direct and indirect studies, we can determine how many days specific otters or Harlequin ducks spent in a restricted area that contains an estimated amount of oil in their feeding habitats.

I. NEED FOR THE PROJECT

A. Statement of Problem

The 2001 shoreline survey revealed that a significant amount of oil still remains on beaches in Prince William Sound and certain bays have persistent patches of oil. This study determined that more oil remained than previously thought, and that much of the liquid oil was present lower in the intertidal zone than expected (Short et. al 2002). The design of the project was focused on quantitative assessment of oil in the upper half of the intertidal zone, and was not designed to assess how much oil remained in the lower intertidal, a biologically productive zone that ended up having the most oil. The estimates of remaining oil are conservative underestimates. Remaining oil may not be bioavailable, and the studies in 2002 focused on determining if oil at oil patch sites was available to prey items, and available to surface oil collectors. (Surface passive oil collectors are surrogates for prey items). The preliminary studies in 2002 determined that oil was bioavailable at many of these sites, but we still do not know the magnitude and significance of this. The studies in 2003 will complete many of the chemical analyses of samples from 2002, and will integrate radio tagged predator studies that determine habitat use with contaminant studies that determine bioavailability and exposure. By combining the two parts (contaminants and predators use), we hope to determine the significance of remaining oil to the predators, their constrained population recovery, and continuing biomarkers effects. This coordinated work will assess the "radio-tagged areas" used by some predators, but it will not give an estimate of the contaminants bioavailable for the larger range area of Herring Bay, Lower Passage, and Bay of Isles. Hence, it continues to establish the linkage and connection, but does not define the extent

of the contamination relative to the populations still affected in that limited range. Hence the probabilistic approach has not been fully exploited, only the feasibility has been assessed

B. Relevance to GEM Program Goals and Scientific Priorities

This proposal will establish estimates of oiled shoreline in three areas where sea otters and sea ducks have not recovered from the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill. Individuals observed foraging and captured in contaminated areas can be linked to chronic exposure data. This study will help determine if chronic oil is part of the problem constraining recovery of otters and sea ducks, or not. The pathways of chronic exposure will build into an impressive body of evidence: individuals habitually foraging and resting in close proximity to known subsurface intertidal oil patches, oil collecting in their fur or feathers, feeding on contaminated prey, and/or having elevated levels of P450. Full recovery from the spill will have occurred when contaminated foraging habitat and chronic exposure to top-level predators has fallen below detection levels at these "worst case bays".

II. PROJECT DESIGN

A. Objectives by fiscal years

1. Complete chemical analyses of passive samplers and prey items collected in summer 03 from specific foraging sites of radio tagged otters and ducks. (FY 04)

2. Interpret this data, and combine with USGS biological data for manuscripts on the potential mechanisms for these species to be exposed to remaining oil. (FY 04)

3. Using information from the 2001 shoreline survey database, and random sampling to the zero tide level in 2003, estimate the volume of oil remaining in a restricted area where both sea otters and harlequin ducks are still showing symptoms of oil exposure. (Hole digging in **03**, but chemical analyses in **04**; statistical estimates in **04**. (The hole digging in 03 is in progress, and will supplement the 2001 survey in these restricted and heavily impacted bays by 5 fold).

4. Determine the potential <u>and probability</u> of oil exposure to chronic oil by placing surface sampling devices in a coverage that would provide estimates for three areas: Herring Bay, Lower passage, and Bay of Isles Deployment in summer **04**; chemical and statistical analyses in **05**.

5. Determine the potential for chronic exposure to oil by placing surface sampling devices at observed habitual resting and feeding locations of sea otters and harlequin ducks. This aspect was initiated in summer **03**, and will have a second round of sampling in **04** because there will be more radio tagged data, including dive depth data coming from the otter studies. Devices deployed in **04** will supplement those studies. Design to be determined at the fall inter-project workshop on lingering oil (Nov. 03) deployment in **04**,

chemical analyses in 05.

6. Analyze additional prey items for hydrocarbons from very specific feeding patches of sea otter and harlequin ducks with high P450 values; samples collected in **04**, analyzed in **05**.

7. Present detailed information at a workshop in Nov 03, and Nov 04, when results from contaminant and biological studies are combined; adjust sampling scope and locations based on the most up-to-date findings and priorities. (**FY 04, 05**)

8. Synthesize the mechanisms, including those unexpected, by April **04**. Synthesize the probabilities of continuing exposure by April **05**.

9. Final report June **05**

B,C. Procedural and Scientific Methods including Data and Statistical Analysis

Contamination of specific foraging areas

Sea otters and harlequin ducks are mobile predators, which present a problem for random sampling designs. There is a good chance the randomly selected shorelines for surveying lingering oil will not correlate with foraging predators. To overcome this shortfall, we will directly survey those beach segments where habitual observations of foraging have been made. The specifics of the design will evolve after USGS researchers are well into their winter observations and preliminary results can be reviewed prior to implementation in the spring.

Potential for chronic exposure to sea otters and sea ducks

Oil in the water may be one pathway by which sea otters and harlequin ducks are receiving chronic exposures. Oil from disturbance events (storms, tidal action, or foraging) may be introduced into an individual's fur or feathers. Preening to remove this oil requires additional energy, less time for feeding, and possible ingestion of the oil. Sampling fur and feathers for residual oil is not an established procedure for acute or chronic exposures. Instead, we will use passive sampling devices (PSDs) at the sea surface where foraging and resting activities have been observed. These devices will act as surrogates for fur and feathers. If our PSDs detect oil then it is more than likely that sea otters and harlequin ducks in these areas have also been exposed to oil.

Twenty-five PSDs will be deployed within each area (Herring Bay, Lower Passage, and Bay of Isles) and specifically where sea otters and harlequin ducks have been observed resting and foraging. Locations will be prioritized by shoreline oiling history, numbers of individuals observed and/or individuals with elevated P450 values (January workshop). The monitoring devices will sample surface waters 10 m offshore for a 30-day period.

Hydrocarbon analyses

To determine the source and weathering condition of remaining oil, 10 sediment samples from

pits with visible subsurface oil will be collected. To confirm contamination in prey and supplement elevated P450 data in sea otters and harlequin ducks, approximately 30 prey samples will be collected and analyzed for polycylic aromatic hydrocarbon (PAH) from heavily oiled and/or observed foraging areas. Subtidal clams will be collected from 10 sites via scuba and analyzed for PAHs. This will address sea otters that habitually feed on clams in the subtidal zone (~10 - 20m). All samples will be analyzed by GC-MS (summarized in Short et al. 1996) to determine whether PAH composition matches weathered *Exxon Valdez* oil. A weathering index (Short and Heintz 1997) will be determined for each sample.

Estimated volume of oil remaining within a specific area

The 2001 survey provided estimates of oiled shoreline and the volume of oil remaining throughout the spill area. The northern Knight Island area remains heavily oiled and sea otter and harlequin duck populations have not recovered from this region. This area represents the "worst case" in recovery from the spill and begs for a contamination estimate just for these regions. The 2001 survey data is structured so that these specific regions can be defined and oil estimates recalculated. This would be a statistical exercise only and would not require fieldwork.

Refining contamination estimate within a specific area

The 2001 shoreline effort was directed at the upper intertidal, whereas most of the oil was found on the lower intertidal surveyed area. The 2001 estimates potentially underestimate the prevalence of contaminated shoreline for the biologically important forage/predators. Therefore, a more refined oiled shoreline survey is necessary. The design will be loosely based on the 2001 SCAT sampling design but with a few alterations as dictated by the findings from that survey. The scope of the survey will be reduced to the three worst-case areas, Herring Bay, Lower Passage and Bay of Isles, sampled as separate strata. An equal random sampling effort will be given to moderately and heavily oiled shorelines (1 strata). Sampling will extend down to the minus 0.5m tide level (when possible), which will allow for detection of oil well into the biological zone and foraging habitat.

Similarly to the 2001 SCAT survey, the beach segments will be partitioned into rectangular blocks by a number of equal-width alongshore columns and 1.0 m tidal elevation intervals ranging from +2.5 m to -0.5 m (tide permitting). The maximum beach segment length 100 m, will be divided into 5 columns, each 20 m wide, resulting in 15 blocks and 30 random pits. The number of pits and size of blocks may be modified based on a review of 2001 survey data. Shorter beach segments will be divided into fewer columns and blocks. Two 0.25 m2 quadrants will then be randomly placed within each block and a test pit excavated within each to a depth of 0.5 m or until boulders or bedrock are encountered. Oiled surface and subsurface area and its variance for any sampled segment will be estimated from these random quadrants, using standard SRS formulas as per 2001 shoreline survey. Gravimetric samples will be collected from each beach segment, representative of the oil classifications found on that beach, as to obtain a volumetric estimate of the oil. To enhance our biological information, major changes in substrate types (bedrock, boulder, cobble, pebble, granule, peat) and biological zones (algal cover, mussel beds, eelgrass and kelp beds) will be documented along vertical transects within our sampling grid. This baseline survey will have a cost effective and statistically proven design which can be

repeated in outlying years to determine when PWS is clean.

D. Description of Study Area

Sampling Locations:

1. <u>Herring Bay:</u> impacted bay; "worst case" site for recovering otters and sea ducks; acute exposures.

2. <u>Lower Passage</u>: impacted pass; marginal numbers of recovering otters and sea ducks; chronic exposures. This area will span from Passage Pt. to the southern tip of Ingot island.

3. <u>Bay of Isles</u>: impacted bay; marginal numbers of recovering otters and sea ducks; chronic exposures.

E. Coordination and Collaboration with Other Efforts

The overall project is a joint effort with NOAA-ABL and USGS-BRD based on their expertise and Trustee funded research in the past. ABL personnel will conduct studies on oiled shoreline survey as described in this DPD. USGS-BRD personnel will be responsible for directing and conducting sea otter and sea duck studies.

III. SCHEDULE

A. Measurable Milestones

November 2003	Mini inter-project workshop on linger oil; progress, future design
January 2004:	Public presentation of bioavailability of oil to otters/ducks
March 2004	Synthesis on the exposure mechanisms of lingering oil to ducks, otters
April 2004	complete chemical analyses of samples from summer
June 2004	complete estimates of remaining volume of oil in HB, BOI, and LP
Summer 2004	deploy, retrieve sampling devices for HB, BOI, and LP
November 2004	Mini inter-project workshop on linger oil; progress, future design
Winter 2004	complete chemical analyses on prey, samplers from summer 2004
January 05	Attend Annual Workshop
February 2005	complete a synthesis on probability of oil exposure in HB, BOI, LP
June 2005:	Complete Final Report.

B. Measurable Project Tasks

- FY03: Four cruises will be carried out during the large spring tides of April, May, June, and July. This will maximize our ability to sample in the biological zone. All chemical analyses will be initiated in FY03.
- FY04: Complete chemical analyses from summer 03 collections Draft manuscripts from those collections Complete field work; deployment, retrievals in summer 04

FY 05: Complete chemical analyses from summer 04 collections Complete manuscripts from those collections Complete final report.

IV. RESPONSIVENESS TO KEY TRUSTEE COUNCIL STRATEGIES

A. Community Involvement and Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK)

Charters to support the research will be solicited from the spill impacted area. Further, some labor support for some of the field operations may be solicited from the Native villages. Briefings to stake holders will be given as deemed needed or requested.

B. Resource Management Applications

V. PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS

We will provide a final report to the Trustees office by June 2005.

Expected publication titles:

 Mechanisms and potential of oiled habitats to expose sea otters and ducks
 Significance of oiled habitat and prey as a probable cause of chronic impacts to sea otters and harlequin ducks.

- 3.. Estimate of EVO remaining in non-otter/otter zones of Northern Knight Island, PWS.
- 4. Probability of encountering oil in prey or passive use of HB, BOI, and LP
- 5. Synthesis: long term oiling of lower intertidal habitats: to clean or not to clean

VI. PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

The EVOS Trustee meetings will be attended by the principal investigators. One additional technical workshop to specifically review progress and future designs will be attended by the three the principal investigators.

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investigator in subtidal sediment studies, pink salmon effects studies, and in the SCAT surveys of 2001. In addition, Rice has lead the effort on use of PSDs by the Auke Bay Lab.

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Fisheries Research Biologist

B.S. Marine Biology. 1990- present: Mandy has been involved in *Exxon Valdez* oil spill research for the last 11 years. Her research includes studies on intertidal invertebrates and seaweeds, mussel populations, and a co-principal investigator of spot shrimp populations in Prince William Sound. She was the field chief of the intensive PWS oiled shoreline survey during 2001 and lingering oil bioavailability in 2002. Her responsibilities include quality control of field and laboratory sample processing, data analysis, graphics, and proposal/report preparation.

OTHER KEY PERSONNEL

Chemists Marie Larsen, Larry Holland, Josefina Lunasin will participate in the chemical analyses of the samples.

BUDGET JUSTIFICAITON

Long term persistence of oil needs to be tracked, and the significance of that persistence needs to be understood. Future litigation and decisions about cleaning (or management implications) will be based on the persistence and continuing effects. This study, along with USGS biological studies on sea otters and harlequin ducks are critical to that understanding. The public and various stake holders will be placing a high priority on this information.

DATA MANAGEMENT AND QA/QC STATEMENT

Auke Bay Laboratory data management and QA/QC have evolved since the onset of the EVOS and have always been a high priority. The following references, also found in the methods section of this proposal, document analytical QA/QC methods for samples analyzed by GC-MS (summarized in Short et al. 1996; Short and Heintz 1997). This study will also follow protocols for maintaining a Chain of Custody and updating metadata as needed for EVTHD and PWSoil databases.

GEM PROPOSAL SIGNATURE FORM

THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PROPOSED PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR AND SUBMITTED ALONG WITH THE PROPOSAL. If the proposal has more than one investigator, this form must be signed by at least one of the investigators, and that investigator will ensure that Trustee Council requirements are followed. Proposals will not be reviewed until this signed form is received by the Trustee Council Office.

By submission of this proposal, I agree to abide by the Trustee Council-s data policy (*Trustee Council/GEM Data Policy**, adopted July 9, 2002) and reporting requirements (*Procedures for the Preparation and Distribution of Reports***, adopted

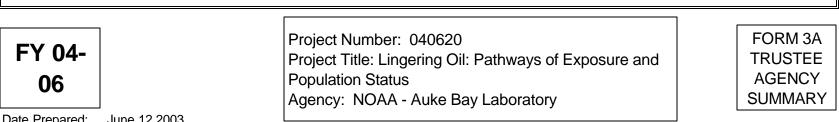
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	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	TOTAL	
Budget Category:	FY 04	FY 05	FY 06	PROPOSED	
Personnel	\$6.0	\$6.2	\$3.3	\$15.5	
Travel	\$12.0	\$10.8	\$3.4	\$26.2	
Contractual	\$27.0	\$28.0	\$10.0	\$65.0	
Commodities	\$10.0	\$11.0	\$10.0	\$31.0	
Equipment	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	
Subtotal	\$55.0	\$56.0	\$26.7	\$137.7	
General Administration (9% of Subtotal)	\$5.0	\$5.0	\$2.4	\$12.4	
Project Total	\$60.0	\$61.0	\$29.1	\$150.1	

Cost-share Funds:

Supervision and participation by Jeep Rice and Jeff Short contributed. The contributions of FTP labor exceeds the soft funding from EVOS. This budget is being submitted at a higher cost than predicted in the FY03 DPD because more chemical analyses are needed than originally projected. These are needed to support decisions on litigation and mitagation and are contested by Exxon. It was estimated at 15K but is now being submitted at 49.6K. As stated in the proposal, some additional chemical analyses and extended monitoring are needed in FY04 due to unexpected primary analyses.



Date Prepared: June 12,2003

Personnel Costs:		GS/Range/	Months	Monthly		Personnel
Name	Description	Step	Budgeted	Costs	Overtime	Sum
						0.0
Jeep Rice	Habitat Program Manager	GS-14				0.0
Mandy Lindeberg	Fisheries Res. Biologist	GS-11	1.0	6.0		6.0
Jacek Maselko	Risheries Res. Biologist	GS-11		6.0		0.0
Jeff Short	Research Chemist	GS-13				0.0
						0.0
						0.0
						0.0
						0.0
						0.0
						0.0
						0.0
	Subtotal		1.0	12.0	0.0	
					sonnel Total	\$6.0
Travel Costs:		Ticket	Round	Total	Daily	Travel
Description		Price	Trips	Days	Per Diem	Sum
						0.0
Spring LDPE Deployment	JNU-CDV RT	0.5	3	2	0.3	2.1
Spring LDPE Pickup	JNU-CDV RT	0.5	3	2	0.3	2.1
						0.0
			0	40		0.0
EVOS Workshop - Jan. 2004	JNU-ANC	0.6	2	10	0.3	4.2
Technical Workshop Lingering Oil		0.0	2	0	0.0	0.0
Technical Workshop - Lingering Oil	JNU-ANC	0.6	3	6	0.3	3.6
						0.0 0.0
						0.0
						0.0
					Travel Total	\$12.0
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Contractual Cos	sts:		Contract
Description			Sum
Vessel Char			
	Spring Deployment PWS	5 days 1.3 K per day	6.5
	Spring Pickup PWS	5 days 1.3 K per day	6.5
Tomporary	abor (NOAA) -		
remporary is	Analytical (LDPE, GC)	in support of analyses and sampling	14.0
	Analytical (LDF L, GC)	in support of analyses and sampling	14.0
If a component o	f the project will be performed u	inder contract, the 4A and 4B forms are required. Contractual Tota	l \$27.0
Commodities Co	osts:		Commodity
Description			Sum
Analytical - o	chemicals and glassware (LDP	E, GC)	10.0
		Commodities Tota	\$10.0
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		Project Number: 040620	ORM 3B
		Project Title: Lingering Oil: Pathways of Exposure and	Contractual
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		Population Status	ommoditie
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New Equipment Purchases:		Number	Unit	Equipment
Description		of Units	Price	Sum
				0.0
				0.0
				0.0
				0.0
				0.0
				0.0
				0.0
				0.0
				0.0
				0.0
				0.0
				0.0
		New Feui	nmant Tatal	0.0 \$0.0
Frieting Fusinger (Heeney		New Equi	pment Total	
Existing Equipment Usage: Description			Number of Units	Inventory Agency
NOAA - Auke Bay Laboratory Computers/software HPLC GCMS				
FY 04	Project Number: 040620 Project Title: Lingering Oil: Pathways of Expose Population Status Agency: NOAA - Auke Bay Laboratory	ure and	E	ORM 3B quipment DETAIL

Personnel Costs:		GS/Range/	Months	Monthly		Personnel
Name	Description	Step	Budgeted	Costs	Overtime	Sum
						0.0
Jeep Rice	Habitat Program Manager	GS-14				0.0
Mandy Lindeberg	Fish. Res. Biologist	GS-11	1.0	6.2		6.2
Jacek Maselko	Fish. Res. Biologist	GS-11				0.0
Jeff Short	Analytical Chemist	GS-13				0.0
						0.0
						0.0
						0.0
						0.0
						0.0
						0.0
						0.0
	Subtotal		1.0	6.2	0.0	
					sonnel Total	\$6.2
Travel Costs:		Ticket	Round	Total	,	Travel
Description		Price	Trips	Days	Per Diem	Sum
				0		0.0
Spring LDPE Deployment JNU-CDV RT		0.5	3	3	0.2	2.1
		0.5	0	0	0.0	0.0
Spring LDPE Pickup JNU-CDV RT		0.5	3	3	0.2	2.1
EVOS WORKSHOP Jan 2005	Jnu-Anc	0.6	2	10	0.3	0.0 4.2
(Rice/Lindeberg)	JNU-ANC	0.6	2	10	0.3	4.2 0.0
Technical Workshop						0.0
(Rice/Lindeberg/Short)	Jnu-Anc	0.6	3	2	0.3	0.0 2.4
		0.0	3	2	0.5	2.4 0.0
						0.0
						0.0
		I	11		Travel Total	\$10.8
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FY 05	Project Number: 050620 Project Title: Lingering Oil: Pathways & Population Status Agency: NOAA-Auke Bay Laboratory	FORM 3B Personnel & Travel DETAIL

Contractual Costs:				Contract
Description				Sum
Vessel Charter	4 412/1	5 1		7.0
Spring Deployment PWS 5 days	1.4K/day	5 days		7.0
Spring Pickup PWS	1.4k/day	5 days		7.0
Temp Labor(NOAA)	upport of applysis and t	field work		14.0
Analytical chemistry lab s	upport of analysis and	neid work		
If a component of the project will be perform	ed under contract the 4	IA and 4B forms are required	Contractual Total	\$28.0
Commodities Costs:				Commodity
Description				Sum
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Analytical supplies: plastic, glassware,	chemicals in support of	f sampling and analyses		11.0
			Commodities Total	\$11.0
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	Project Numbe	er: 050620	F	ORM 3B
FY 05	•	Lingering Oil: Pathways of Exposu	re & C	ontractual
FIUD	Population Sta			&
	-	A- Auke Bay Lab	Co	ommoditie

New Equipment Purchases:		Number	Unit	Equipment
Description		of Units	Price	Sum
				0.0
NOAA-Auke Bay Lab:				0.0
GCMS, HPLC, Computers and	d software			0.0
				0.0
				0.0
				0.0
				0.0
				0.0
				0.0
				0.0
				0.0
				0.0
				0.0
		New Equi	pment Total	\$0.0
Existing Equipment Usage:			Number	Inventory
Description			of Units	Agency
FY 05	Project Number: 040620 Project Title: Lingering Oil:Pathway of Exposure Population Status Agency: NOAA-Auke Bay Laboratory	&	E	ORM 3B quipment DETAIL

Personnel Costs:		GS/Range/	Months	Monthly		Personnel	
Name	Description	Step	Budgeted	Costs	Overtime	Sum	
						0.0	
Mandy Lindeberg	Fish. Res Biologist		0.5	6.5		3.3	
Jacek Maselko	Fish. Res Biologist					0.0	
Jeff Short	Analytical Chemist					0.0	
Jeep Rice						0.0	
						0.0	
						0.0	
						0.0	
						0.0	
						0.0	
						0.0	
						0.0	
	Subtotal		0.5	6.5	0.0	<u> </u>	
					sonnel Total	\$3.3	
Travel Costs:		Ticket	Round	Total	Daily	Travel	
Description		Price	Trips	Days	Per Diem	Sum	
						0.0	
GEM Workshop 2006	JNU-ANC	0.5	2	8	0.3	3.4	
Rice, Lindeberg						0.0	
						0.0 0.0	
						0.0	
						0.0	
						0.0	
						0.0	
						0.0	
						0.0	
						0.0	
Т						\$3.4	
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FY 06 Project Number: 060620 Project Title: Lingering Oil :Pathways of Exposure and Population Status					F	ORM 3B	
					F	Personnel	
						& Travel	
		Agency: NOAA-Auke Bay Laboratory				DETAIL	

Contractual Co	sts:	Contract
Description		Sum
	Labor for Analytical Chemistry Lab support	10.0
	Contractual T	otal \$10.0
Commodities (Costs:	Commodity
Description		Sum
Analytical	Chemistry Supplies	10.0
	Commodities To	stal \$10.0
FY 06	Project Number: Project Title: Agency:	FORM 3B Contractual & Commoditie

New Equipment Purchases:		Number	Unit	Equipment
Description		of Units	Price	Sum
				0.0
				0.0
				0.0
				0.0
				0.0
				0.0 0.0
				0.0
				0.0
				0.0
				0.0
				0.0
				0.0
		New Equi	pment Total	\$0.0
Existing Equipment Usage:				Inventory
Description			of Units	Agency
FY 06	Project Number: Project Title: Agency:		E	ORM 3B quipment DETAIL