



**Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council**  
**General Restoration, Habitat Enhancement, Habitat Protection, and Facilities Projects**  
**Quarterly Project Reporting Form**

*\*Detailed instructions for each section below are given in Section II. Quarterly Project Reports in the Reporting Policy on the website, <https://evostc.state.ak.us/policies-procedures/reporting-procedures/>*

**Project Number:** 23220608

**Project Title:** Port Graham Habitat Enhancement Project

**Principal Investigator(s):**

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Kyle Graham - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)

Nathan Lojewski - Chugachmiut

Patrick Norman - Native Village of Port Graham (PGVC)

**Reporting Periods and Due Dates:**

<i>Reporting Period</i>	<i>Due Date</i>
February, March, April	June 1
May, June, July	September 1
August, September, October	December 1
November, December, January	March 1

**Submission Date:** June 1, September 1, December 1, or March 1

**Project Website:** NA

Please check all the boxes that apply to the current reporting period.

**Project progress is on schedule.**

**Project progress is delayed**

**Budget reallocation request.**

**Personnel changes.**

N/A all principal investigators remain actively involved in project planning and implementation.



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## 1. Summary of Work Performed:

In Q1 of 2023 the Port Graham Subsistence Access and Habitat Restoration team developed the 2023 scope of work in conjunction with the USFWS, continued to design for culvert replacements, connected with additional partners and shared progress with community shareholders.

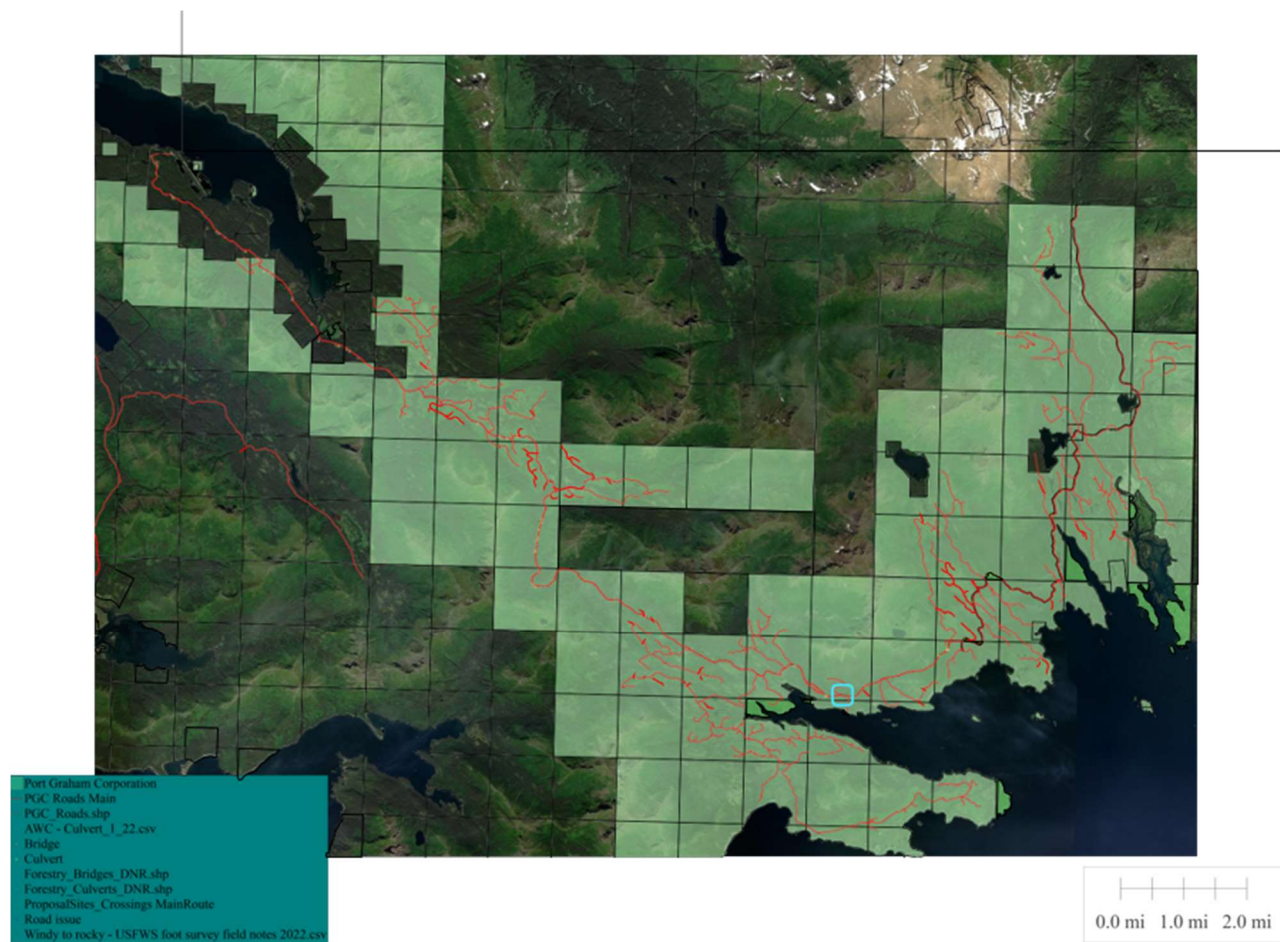


Figure 1: Road Overview and location of 2023 stream crossing construction project (circled in blue)

In February, March and April, weekly discussions occurred to discuss the upcoming 2023-field season and develop an updated work plan. Based on the base agreement developed between USFWS and PGC in 2022, both organizations were able to amend the existing work plan to reflect the goals for 2023. The PGC Project Manager played a significant role in coordinating with the Native Village of Port Graham, USFWS, A/E firms and various state and federal agencies.



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The following outline and table outlines the plan and progress for Q1 in detail.

**Scope of work Q1:**

1. Communications
  - a. Develop an operational partnership
  - b. Continued communications with Port Graham
    - i. Discussions with staff from the Port Graham Village Tribal Council
    - ii. Public meetings as needed in Port Graham, Alaska
2. Clear roads of vegetation and debris
3. Perform temporary road maintenance as needed to support clearing roads.
4. Document road condition and related maintenance issues.
5. Oversee the design of 5 stream crossings and develop a prioritization plan.

<b>Task</b>	<b>Deliverables (FY23) (Q1)</b>	<b>Progress Through Q1 2023</b>	<b>Expected completion dates</b>
Coordinate partner planning meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monthly meeting minutes</li> <li>• Two community meetings</li> <li>• Operational partnership with USFWS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Weekly meetings between USFWS and PGC completed and ongoing</li> <li>- USFWS Design Team and PGC meeting with HDR to finalize Windy Bay Stream Crossing design.</li> </ul>	All project years, ongoing
Project management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Logistical coordination between project partners</li> <li>• Hire project manager</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- PGC project manager coordinates with Village of Port Graham</li> <li>- Open and frequent communication maintained between FWS and PGC project officers</li> <li>-Communication is fluid and ongoing</li> </ul>	All project years, ongoing
Road Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Images and maps of road system</li> <li>• Updated road condition report</li> <li>• Project prioritization plan</li> <li>• Site assessment reports on the</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Data shared amongst all project partners, ongoing.</li> <li>- PGC has website data portal available and data sharing is active and ongoing</li> </ul>	Ongoing, on track



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	currently inaccessible Windy and Rocky Bay roads		
Clear roads of vegetation and debris – to Windy Bay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to sites for construction years</li> </ul>	No fieldwork occurred during this quarter because of winter conditions.	Complete to Scurvy Creek, ongoing 2023
Perform temporary road maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access for Native Village of Port Graham community members and project staff and equipment.</li> </ul>	No fieldwork occurred during this quarter because of winter conditions.	Ongoing in Q2, Q3, Q4 2023
Purchase equipment and supplies for project implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purchase field supplies for laborers and project partners</li> <li>• Purchase safety equipment</li> <li>• Purchase camp supplies</li> <li>• Purchase road clearing supplies.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Field supplies and equipment purchases and mobilization is ongoing</li> <li>-Landing for helicopter has been cleared at Rocky Bay Lodge allowing supply drop off</li> <li>- Bear deterrents delivered to field sites</li> <li>- Vegetation clearing increased safety immeasurably in the event of an emergency evacuation</li> <li>- Project partners in process of purchasing 2023 equipment and supply needs.</li> </ul>	All project years as needed
Support USFWS in collection of habitat assessment and hydrologic data.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction and restoration site prioritization list</li> <li>• Five fish passage culverts designed and ready for construction</li> <li>• Future funding proposals</li> </ul>	- 2023 stream crossing construction project completed to 65% design, expected completion May 2023	All project years, ongoing



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## **2. Abstract:**

In Q1 the Port Graham Subsistence Access and Habitat Restoration team met to discuss and amend the current scope of work and budget. The next phase (Q2, Q3, Q4) of work will focus on replacement of key stream crossings, brush clearing and improvement of portions of the road impacted by sluffing and erosion.

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## **3. Coordination and Collaboration:**

In the first quarter, the USFWS, PGC, the Traditional Native Village of Port Graham (NVPG), Chugachmiut, Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), continued to work together to achieve project goals and objectives. All project partners worked together to achieve fieldwork objectives, select priority stream crossings, and develop plans for the 2023 field season. PGC and USFWS project managers meet on a weekly basis to discuss next steps, updates, share data, and set meetings with additional project partners.

The partnership is intentionally and strategically collaborating with NVPG about the ongoing bridge construction replacing three bridges utilizing the Tribal Transportation program with the Federal Highways Program. The partnership is strategically selecting sites and dividing project objectives to avoid duplication and promote strategic fiscal and logistical efficiency.

In Q1 the PGC Project Manager initiated coordination with the Natural Resource Conservation Service and began discussing how the Environmental Qualities Incentive Program (EQIP) can support the mutually identified goals and objectives.

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## **4. Response to EVOSTC Review, Recommendations and Comments:**

No comments at this time.

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## **5. Budget:**



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Budget Category:	Proposed FY 22	Proposed FY 23	Proposed FY 24	Proposed FY 25	Proposed FY 26	5- YR TOTAL PROPOSED	QUARTERLY EXPENDETURES	ACTUAL CUMULATIVE
Personnel	39,640	39,640	39,640	39,640	39,640	198,200	0	\$32,476
Travel	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	15,000	0	\$5,521
Contractual	1,791,722	1,333,007	1,333,007	874,291	579,876	5,911,903	0	\$728,642
Commodities	500	500	500	500	500	2,500	0	\$1,111
Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Indirect Co Rate =	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>1,834,862</b>	<b>1,376,147</b>	<b>1,376,147</b>	<b>917,431</b>	<b>623,016</b>	<b>6,127,603</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$767,751</b>
General Administration (9% of subtotal)	165,138	123,853	123,853	82,569	56,071	551,484	\$ -	\$0
<b>PROJECT TOTAL</b>	<b>2,000,000</b>	<b>1,500,000</b>	<b>1,500,000</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>679,087</b>	<b>6,679,087</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$767,751</b>
Other Resources (In-Kind Funds)	450,000	1,767,376	1,767,376	0	0	3,984,752		

The USFWS utilizes the cooperative agreement process to develop annual budgets, scope of work, and accountability for project objectives and financial management. In Q1 project partners focused on amending the existing cooperative agreement to reflect the mutual goals and objectives for 2023.

The “contractual” column represents the current cooperative agreement between the USFWS and PGC (\$493,358) and the contract developed for survey and design (\$235,284) for road washouts and stream crossings. In Q1 project partners developed the year two scope of work and budget for the cooperative agreement process for work to begin seamlessly in the summer of 2023.

The majority of expenditures in Q4 were personnel and contractual expenses. USFWS personnel coordinated and attended partner meetings, provided technical assistance on site selection and habitat assessment, and oversaw stream crossings design team. PGC had a very successful quarter organizing data, planning project activities, and coordinating partners. Contracted hydrologist and engineers completed began drafting design documents and preparing construction cost estimates for 5 sites and have completed 65% design on the Windy Bay Camp project.

No additional direct charges were acquired in Q1 in FY23. Q1 project activities focused on project development, planning, and capacity building and staff hiring by USFWS.