



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):

- Jon E. Shepherd - Port Graham Corporation (PGC)
- 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:

Work conducted in Q2 of 2023 continued efforts of the previous quarter including building capacity within USFWS, continuing communications with Port Graham, and developing a pathway for moving forward with the project. In addition, Port Graham Subsistence and Habitat Restoration completed the majority of road assessment and initial road clearing activities.

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.

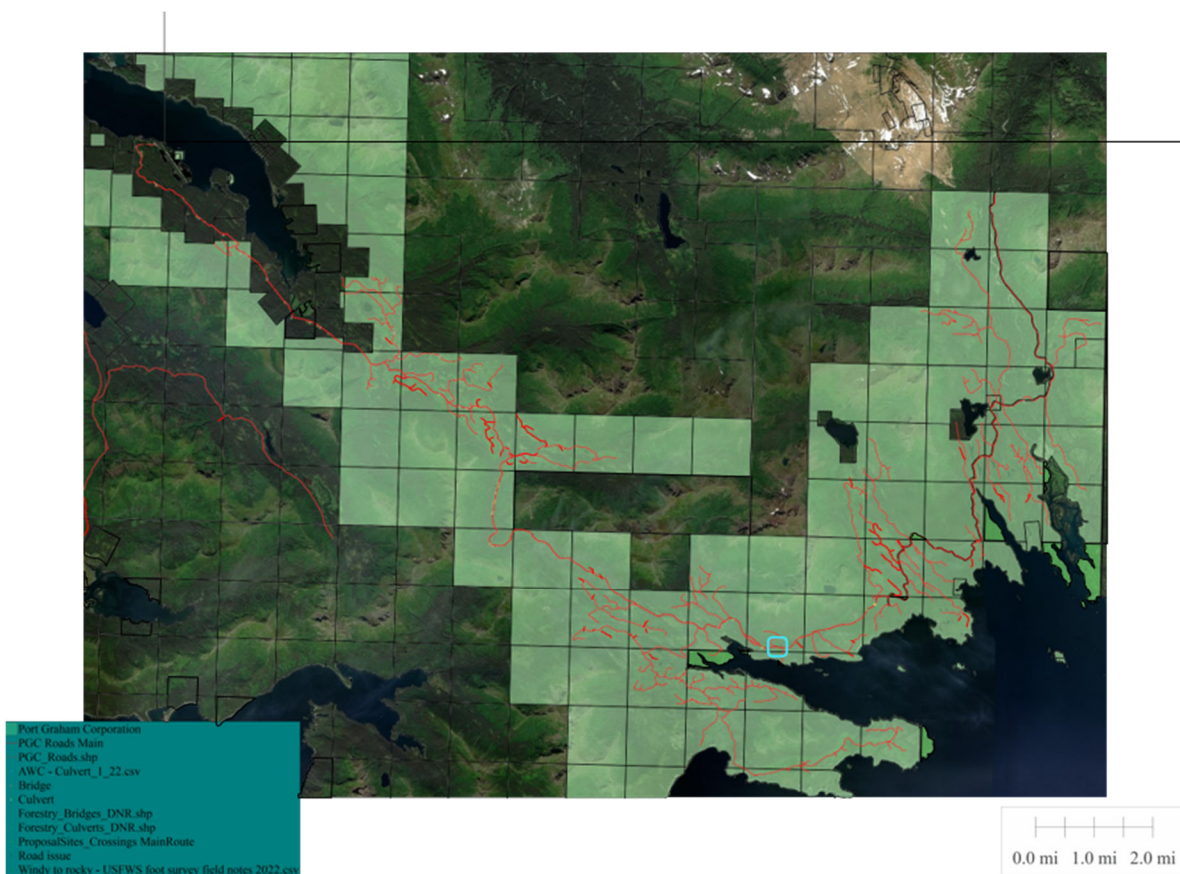


Figure 1: Road Overview and location of 2023 stream crossing construction project (circled in blue)

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



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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.

The following bulleted list and table outline the plan and progress for FY23 Q2 in detail.

Scope of work Q2:

1. Communications
 - a. Develop an operational partnership among projects partners
 - 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
 - a. Complete initial road assessment
 - b. Scoping and prioritization work for engineering assessment
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.

Task	Deliverables (FY23) (Q2)	Progress Through Q2 2023	Expected completion dates
Coordinate partner planning meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly meeting minutes • Two community meetings • Operational partnership with USFWS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly meetings between USFWS and PGC completed and ongoing • Final comments provided by USFWS to HDR on Windy Bay Stream Crossing design. Construction planned for 2024. 	All project years, ongoing
Project management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logistical coordination between project partners • Hire project manager. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PGC project manager coordinates with Village of Port Graham • Open and frequent communication maintained between USFWS and PGC project officers. • Project Biologist hired by USFWS in June 2023. • USFWS Project Manager position to be filled October 2023. 	All project years, ongoing



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Road Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Images and maps of road system • Updated road condition report • Project prioritization plan • Site assessment reports on the currently inaccessible Windy and Rocky Bay roads 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% of initial road assessment completed by PGC as of summer 2023 • Data shared amongst all project partners, ongoing. • PGC has website data portal available and data sharing is active and ongoing • Site visit by USFWS engineers, biologist, and partners completed in June and July 2023 to Windy Bay and Rocky Bay roads. • USFWS staff assisted ADFG to conduct anadromous stream assessments of undocumented waterways along the Windy Bay and Rocky Bay roads. 	Ongoing, on track
Clear roads of vegetation and debris – to Windy Bay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to sites for construction years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 66% clearing of vegetation performed by PGC staff as of summer 2023, greatly improving access to road to Rocky Bay Lodge. 	Complete to Rocky Bay Lodge, brush clearing and minor road maintenance ongoing.
Perform temporary road maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access for Native Village of Port Graham community members and project staff and equipment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 66% road clearing and maintenance completed by PGC as of summer/fall 2023. 	Ongoing in Q2, Q3, Q4 2023



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Task	Deliverables (FY23) (Q2)	Progress Through Q2 2023	Expected completion dates
Purchase equipment and supplies for project implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase field supplies for laborers and project partners • Purchase safety equipment • Purchase camp supplies • Purchase road clearing supplies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field supplies and equipment purchases and mobilization is ongoing. • Landing for helicopter has been cleared at Rocky Bay Lodge allowing supply drop off. • Bear deterrents delivered to field sites. • Vegetation clearing increased safety immeasurably in the event of an emergency evacuation. • Project partners in process of purchasing 2023 equipment and supply needs. 	All project years as needed
Support USFWS in collection of habitat assessment and hydrologic data.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction and restoration site prioritization list • Five fish passage culverts designed and ready for construction • Future funding proposals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2023 stream crossing construction project completed to 65% design, expected completion May 2023. • Initial discussions with NRCS to 	All project years, ongoing

2. Abstract:

Work conducted in Q2 of 2023 was a continuation of efforts in the previous quarter with advances made in project coordination and initial road work and assessment. In Q2 of 2023 the Port Graham Subsistence Access and USFWS Habitat Restoration team met to discuss data needs, data sharing, and project coordination and prioritization. In Q2 USFWS engineers and project biologist were able to visit potential stream crossing sites and meeting with agency partners and Port Graham staff. Significant brush clearing along the main road was completed by Port Graham staff (66% as of summer 2023). Q3 and Q4 work will focus on project prioritization, stream crossing design, equipment mobilization, and continued road improvement planning and work.



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3. Coordination and Collaboration:

In Q2 of 2023, 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 2024 field season. PGC and USFWS project managers met on a monthly basis through Q2 and intend to meet on a weekly basis to discuss next steps, updates, share data, and set meetings with additional project partners starting fall 2023.

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 Q2 USFWS Habitat Restoration Team continued 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.

4. Response to EVOSTC Review, Recommendations and Comments:

No comments currently.

6. Budget:

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		\$ 39,640.00	\$ 39,640.00	\$ 39,640.00	\$ 39,640.00	\$ 39,640.00	\$ 198,200.00	\$ -	\$ 32,476.39
Travel		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,520.82
Contractual		\$ 1,791,722.39	\$ 1,333,006.79	\$ 1,333,006.79	\$ 874,291.19	\$ 579,875.60	\$ 5,911,902.76	\$ 692,976.99	\$ 1,421,619.03
Commodities		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,111.44
Equipment		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Indirect Costs	Rate =	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SUBTOTAL		\$ 1,834,862.39	\$ 1,376,146.79	\$ 1,376,146.79	\$ 917,431.19	\$ 623,015.60	\$ 6,127,602.76	\$ 692,976.99	\$ 1,460,727.68
General Administration (9% of subtotal)		\$ 165,137.62	\$ 123,853.21	\$ 123,853.21	\$ 82,568.81	\$ 56,071.40	\$ 551,484.25	\$ -	\$ -
PROJECT TOTAL		\$ 2,000,000.01	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 679,087.00	\$ 6,679,087.01	\$ -	\$ 1,460,727.68
Other Resources (In-Kind Funds)		\$ 450,000.00	\$ 1,767,376.00	\$ 1,767,376.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,984,752.00	\$ -	\$ -



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The USFWS uses the cooperative agreement process to develop annual budgets, scope of work, and accountability for project objectives and financial management. The “contractual” column represents the current cooperative agreement between the USFWS and PGC and the contract developed for survey and design for road washouts and stream crossings.

Most expenditures in Q2 of 2023 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. PGC completed the initial road assessment (100%) and completed the majority of clearing and initial road maintenance (66%) to allow for construction activities in 2024. Contracted hydrologist and engineers completed drafting design documents and prepared construction cost estimates for 5 sites and completed 65% design on the Windy Bay Camp project.

Activities in FY23 Q2 (May-July) focused on continuing capacity building by USFWS and planning and coordination with partners. A project biologist was hired and onboarded in June by USFWS. Field visits to Port Graham occurred in May and June by USFWS staff, USFWS project biologist, and representatives from NRCS and ADFG. Coordination and culvert site prioritization meetings are ongoing.