



Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council
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Quarterly Project Reporting Form

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Project Number: 23220608

Project Title: Port Graham Habitat Enhancement Project

Principal Investigator(s):

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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 Q3 of 2023 (August through October) 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 Q1 through Q2 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. Initial brush clearing of the road to Rocky Bay Lodge by the Port Graham Subsistence and Habitat Restoration group began in Q2 and continued into Q3. Preliminary work to repair three of the four bridges slated for replacement (funded by the Tribal Transportation Program) began in Q3 as well. Brush clearing and bridge repairs on the main road allows for easier and safer access and assessment of potential culvert replacement sites.

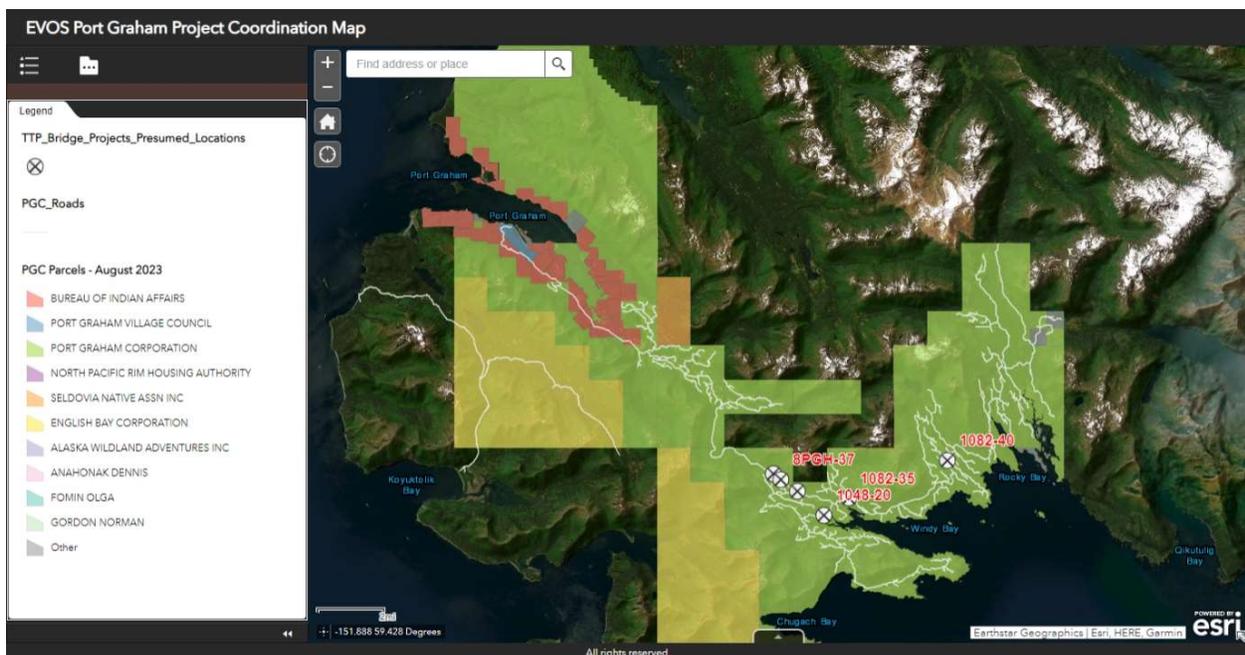


Figure 1. Map of the road network from the Village of Port Graham. Tribal Transportation Program (TTP) bridge replacement sites are marked with black X's. This map was produced by the E-Terra group.

Q3 activities more specifically included road clearing and stabilization, ditching, planning for 2024 construction activities, and further collaboration and coordination between project partners. Road clearing was completed in October 2023, followed by ongoing ditch clearing and bank stabilization work on the main road. Initial work for bridge replacement began on three of the four bridges identified under the Tribal Transportation Program. The replacement of these bridges will greatly improve access to the culvert replacement sites for construction staff and equipment moving forward. USFWS staff met with the Port Graham Project Coordinator and the E-Terra group in Q3 to discuss project direction and



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data needs. Stream crossings were prioritized by the USFWS, and the list was shared with PGC for approval. USFWS continued with filling staff appointments and hired a lead project biologist for the Port Graham EVOS project at the end of Q3 2023.

Future activities will include continued coordination efforts and planning for the 2024 construction season. Construction on the Windy Bay Culvert (see Figure 2) is scheduled to start in late spring/early summer 2024. Construction on the 15-Mile bridge is also scheduled for 2024. The replacement of the 15-Mile bridge will significantly improve safe access to the remaining 11 miles of road to the Rocky Bay Lodge. USFWS staff plan to meet monthly with the Port Graham Project Coordinator and staff through winter 2023 and spring 2024 to coordinate efforts and assist where needed.

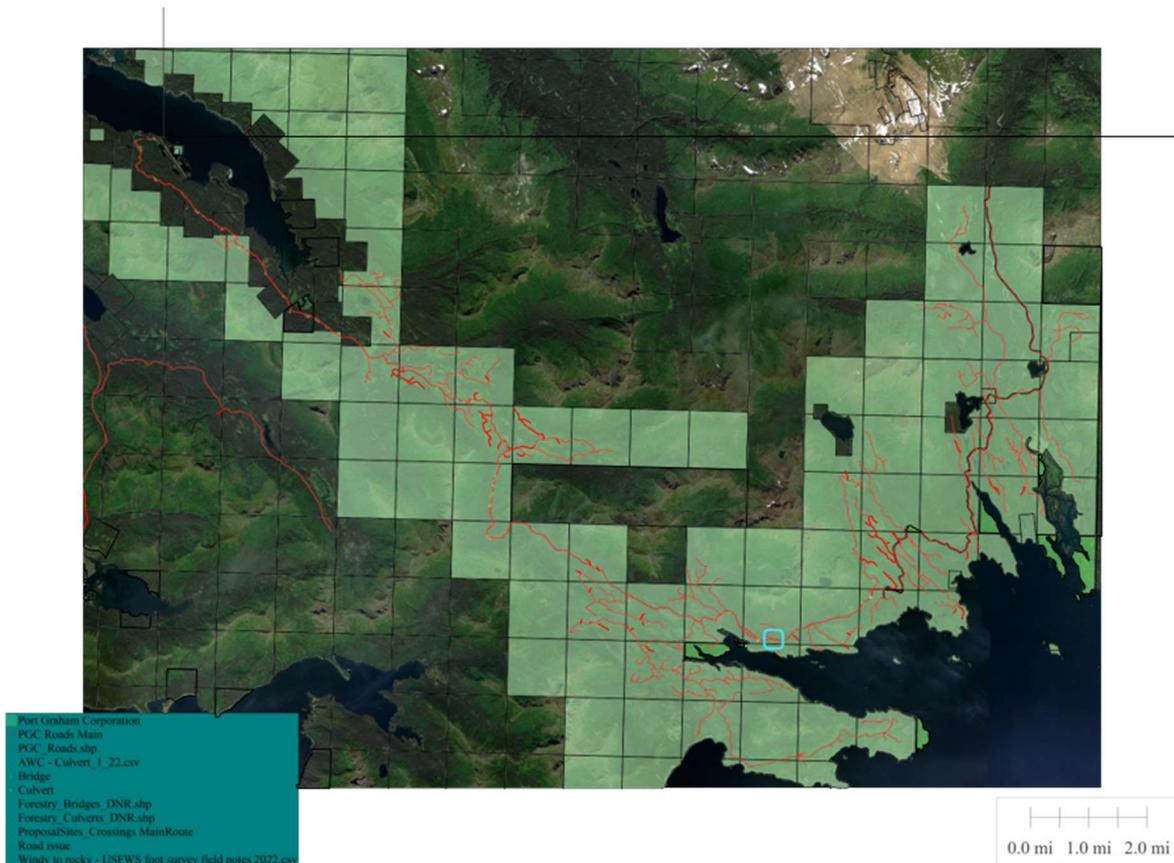


Figure 2: Road Overview and location of 2024 Windy Bay stream crossing construction project (circled in blue)



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The following bulleted list and table outline the plan and progress for year two (2) and FY23 Q3 in detail.

Scope of work for year (2) of the project as outlined in statement of work (Amendment 1):

1. Communications
 - a. Continue an operational partnership with Port Graham, USFWS, and partners.
 - b. Continue 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 brush clearing, shoulder stabilization, and road assessment.
 - b. Scoping and prioritization work for engineering assessment.
3. Perform temporary road maintenance as needed to support clearing roads.
4. Oversee the survey and design stream crossings and develop a prioritization plan.
5. Repair, replace, or remove two stream crossings (note – activity moved to 2024).

Task	Deliverables FY23	Progress Through Q3 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 USFWS project manager 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open and frequent communication maintained between USFWS and PGC project officers. • Lead Project Biologist hired by USFWS in 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. 	Ongoing, on track
Clear roads of vegetation and debris – to Windy Bay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to sites for construction years • Access for Native Village of Port Graham community members and project staff and equipment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% clearing of vegetation performed by PGC staff as of fall 2023. • Clearing of brush along road shoulder and ditches ongoing. 	Brush clearing completed on main road between Port Graham and Rocky Bay
Culvert replacement or removal for fish passage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project site prioritization list • Identify, survey, and design project sites • Future funding proposals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 sites surveyed. • 1 site at 100%, 6 sites at 35% design • 1 culvert replacement to be completed during the FY24 season. • Additional design work on remaining sites planned • Initial discussions with NRCS for application for EQUIP Program funding. 	All project years, ongoing

2. Abstract:

Work conducted in Q3 of 2023 was a continuation of efforts in the previous quarter with advances made in project coordination and initial road work and assessment. In Q3 of 2023 the Port Graham



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Subsistence Access and USFWS Habitat Restoration team met to continue the discussion on data needs, data sharing, project coordination, and prioritization. Brush clearing along the main road was completed by Port Graham staff in October 2023. Additional work was completed to remove vegetation from roadside ditches and stabilizing the edges of the road surface. Preliminary work funded by the Tribal Transportation Program was completed to replace three bridges along the main road. These bridge replacements will greatly increase road access for equipment and personnel for future culvert replacements. Q4 work will focus on project prioritization, stream crossing design, equipment mobilization, and continued road improvement planning and work.

3. Coordination and Collaboration:

In Q3 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 monthly through Q3 to discuss project progress, next steps, and data needs. Monthly meetings between PGC and USFWS will continue through the remainder of FY23.

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 Q3 USFWS Habitat Restoration Team continued coordination with the NRCS 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.

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	\$ 39,640.00	\$ 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	\$ 302.50	\$ 5,823.32
Contractual	\$ 1,791,722.39	\$ 1,333,006.79	\$ 1,333,006.79	\$ 874,291.19	\$ 579,875.60	\$ 5,911,902.76	\$ 479,876.00	\$ 1,901,495.03
Commodities	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 129.99	\$ 1,241.43
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	\$ 480,308.49	\$ 1,941,036.17
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	\$ -	\$ 1,941,036.17
Other Resources (In-Kind Funds)	\$ 450,000.00	\$ 1,767,376.00	\$ 1,767,376.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,984,752.00	\$ -	\$ -

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 Q3 of 2023 were contractual expenses. USFWS personnel coordinated and attended partner meetings, provided technical assistance, and oversaw stream crossings design. PGC had a very successful quarter organizing data, planning project activities, and coordinating partners. PGC completed the initial road assessment (100%) and completed road clearing (100%) and initial maintenance (ongoing) to allow for construction activities in 2024. Contracted hydrologist and engineers completed drafting design documents and prepared construction cost estimates for 7 sites and completed 100% design on the Windy Bay Camp project.

Activities in FY23 Q3 (August-October) focused on continuing capacity building by USFWS and planning and coordination with partners. The lead project biologist was hired and onboarded in October by USFWS. Coordination and culvert site prioritization meetings are ongoing.