



Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council
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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: 23220610

Project Title: Kenai Peninsula Stream Watch

Principal Investigator(s): Brandon Drzazgowski (Stream Watch Coordinator at The Kenai Watershed Forum)

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: March 1st, 2023

Project Website: <https://www.kenaiwatershed.org/stream-watch/>

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.**
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1. Summary of Work Performed:

Objectives/Project Success:

Listed below are objectives that were met or partially met during the reporting period, including a short description of the methods used to accomplish said objective.

Objective C – Protect riparian habitat and create a culture of stewardship among members of the public by providing consistent educational messaging to river users at project sites, in social and print media, and through on-site signage:

Stream Watch has continued educational messaging efforts through the use of Instagram and Facebook social media accounts. The Stream Watch program has regularly placed educational photos and messages on programmatic social media accounts that include information on Stream Watch locations, the importance of riparian vegetation, projects performed by volunteers over the summer, and the impacts of litter on various ecosystems. Stream Watch has seen steady growth in audience on both platforms and has utilized partner social media accounts to help the program reach more users. Draft posts have also been produced to continue social media efforts following the reporting period.

Please view program social media accounts at the links below:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/kpstreamwatch>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/kpstreamwatch?igsh=ZHE5NzN0MmZnNjc3>

Objective G – Continue original efforts to expand Stream Watch to the southern Kenai Peninsula by hiring a seasonal southern coordinator position in order to expand partnerships, increase critical outreach, build institutional capacity, provide high quality engagement for volunteers, and reduce personnel turnover:

During the reporting period, planning and preparation meetings were held surrounding the topics of hiring a seasonal coordinator. The Kenai Watershed Forum's Executive Director, Stream Watch Coordinator, and Education Specialist held a meeting to discuss the implementation of a seasonal technician split between the Stream Watch program and the Youth Education program, similar to the previous summer season. However, the technician's involvement has been shifted.

The new aim of the technician is to engage high school level volunteers in Stream Watch efforts. The technician will spend a portion of their time with high school volunteers to support the Stream Watch program in areas that don't see regular involvement by older volunteers and to help educate a younger age group about environmental topics. The other portion of their time will be spent working to expand regular program efforts. This expansion will include tasks like running stewardship days, facilitation of educational events for the public, recruitment and support of volunteers, and finding avenues to have a higher impact on the southern Kenai Peninsula. Hiring is planned for the following reporting period.



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Objective J - Strengthen relationships with communities and agencies served on the southern peninsula including Ninilchik Village and enroll at least one new member in the Steering Committee from an Alaskan Native Community:

In January, the Stream Watch Coordinator attended a meeting designated towards ranking projects submitted to the Recreational Trails Program administered by State Parks. In a previous reporting period, Stream Watch submitted a proposal to perform trail and habitat work in the Ninilchik community. The meeting allowed reviewers to ask applicants questions about submissions and assess/rank proposals.

The Stream Watch Coordinator attended this event in an attempt to support the proposal submitted by Stream Watch, and hopefully receive funding for work on the southern peninsula. If the application is approved, higher involvement will occur with entities located on the southern peninsula. The proposed project is located on State Park land and will require a strengthened relationship to perform work.

Objective L – Leverage EVOSTC funding to obtain additional investments in program expansion and to further develop Stream Watch to maximize the beneficial impacts to natural resources and services:

During the reporting period, Stream Watch submitted a grant application to the National Forest Foundation in attempts to fund a seasonal intern and supplies required by the program. Inside of this application, the Stream Watch Coordinator's time, funded by EVOSTC, was leveraged to meet the matching fund requirements of the application. Some travel funding provided by EVOSTC was also used as match towards the application. If received, the National Forest Foundation grant will help to grow volunteer coordination, provide more funds for supplies, and will help to fund a new Stream Watch supply cache.

Deviation from Original Objectives:

No deviations from original objectives were seen during the reporting period. Stream Watch was able to perform on schedule and have an impact in the appropriate areas over the beginning of the winter season.

Problems/Unusual Developments:

Little problems or unusual developments were seen during the reporting period. Due to the slow nature of the winter season, there is little opportunity for problems to arise. Overall, the biggest unusual development was the Stream Watch Coordinator working remotely during parts of December/January. However, this didn't cause any issue with program planning or facilitation.

Additional information:

One piece of additional information worth noting is the editing of the volunteer manual. The volunteer manual is a document that helps provide volunteers with programmatic information



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such as proper contacts, site descriptions, etc. During the reporting period, the Stream Watch Coordinator edited the last page of the volunteer manual to include a liability form and a photo release section. Generally, liability forms and photo releases are provided to volunteers separate from the manual. However, this will allow the immediate coverage of volunteers as soon as they receive their manual. This will help documentation and photo permission records to be kept more accurately for the safety of volunteers and the program

Also, a meeting was held with a school teacher, stationed in Iowa, who plans to bring a group of students on a trip to Alaska. The trip would involve a mix of education and stewardship. During the conversation, it was established that the high school group will spend a half-day with Stream Watch during late May. Exact plans for the day have yet to be established depending on the needs of the group. Conversations will continue into the next reporting period to solidify plans.

2. Abstract:

Stream Watch had a slower but successful reporting period over the course of the last three months. Stream Watch was able to provide the public with consistent educational messaging through social media accounts administered by the program. Consistent posting showed a growth in audience and positive feedback from viewers. The program was also able to look into hiring a seasonal position for the program, and leverage EVOSTC funds to acquire new funding for the program. Stream Watch was also able to find new pairings with school groups and local organizations in order to expand the educational and hands-on impact of the program through riparian planting, engaging high school students, and development of new stewardship days. The program saw few problems or unusual developments during the reporting period and was able to stay on track with all original goals.

3. Coordination and Collaboration:

Listed below are project partners that the Stream Watch program paired with during the reporting period, their involvement with the program, and the proper contact listed.

US Forest Service:

The Forest Service (USFS) is the Kenai Watershed Forum's main partner for the facilitation of the Stream Watch program. The Forest Service helps run the program jointly with the Kenai Watershed Forum during the busy summer season, by managing the project area inside the Russian River Confluence area (including the Russian River Campground and the Russian River Ferry) with the use of the USFS's Stream Watch Volunteer Coordinator. This project partner helps to schedule volunteers at the Russian River Confluence area, assists with the maintenance and removal of habitat fencing along the Russian River, and records data collected from volunteers inside the confluence area.

The USFS helped to provide a letter of support for the submission of the National Forest foundation grant to help secure further funding during the reporting period. Meetings were also



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held with the Forest Service to discuss the 30th anniversary of the Stream Watch program, recruitment of new volunteers, and possible future funding.

Contact:

Amanda Goss – Stream Watch Volunteer Coordinator (Forest Service)

Email: amanda.goss@usda.gov

Office Number: 907.288.7747

Trout Unlimited:

The local Trout Unlimited chapter (Kenai Peninsula Trout Unlimited) has a similar aim as the Stream Watch program and has begun to establish pairings in order to expand the impact of both organizations. Kenai Watershed Forum and Trout Unlimited are hoping to pair more for stewardship projects and educational efforts around the Kenai Peninsula.

During the reporting period, meetings were held with TU's Kenai Engagement Coordinator to discuss possible pairings and events for the 2024 summer season. Stream Watch has committed to assisting TU with a riparian planting day located at a Stream Watch site. The organizations are looking for other ways to pair in the future where more conversations will be held.

Contact:

Alexa Millward – Kenai Engagement Coordinator

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Office Number: 208-479-5392

4. Response to EVOSTC Review, Recommendations and Comments:

No recommendations or comments were submitted during the previous process reporting period of the project. If recommendations or comments are submitted after this reporting period, they will be properly addressed in the next reporting cycle.



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5. Budget:

Budget Category:	Proposed FY 22	Proposed FY 23	Proposed FY 24	Proposed FY 25	Proposed FY 26	5-YR TOTAL PROPOSED	QUARTERLY EXPENDITURES	ACTUAL CUMULATIVE
Personnel	\$71,430	\$66,225	\$66,225	\$61,020	\$55,815	\$320,715	\$11,979	\$70,163
Travel	\$4,838	\$4,838	\$4,838	\$4,838	\$4,838	\$24,192	\$247	\$3,089
Contractual	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Commodities	\$1,950	\$1,950	\$1,950	\$1,950	\$1,950	\$9,750	\$0	\$2,740
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Indirect Costs (28.25%)	\$22,097	\$20,626	\$20,626	\$19,156	\$17,685	\$100,191	\$3,454	\$21,468
SUBTOTAL	\$100,315	\$93,640	\$93,640	\$86,964	\$80,289	\$454,848	\$15,681	\$97,460
General Administration (9% of subtotal)	\$9,028	\$8,428	\$8,428	\$7,827	\$7,226	\$40,936	\$1,411	\$8,771
PROJECT TOTAL	\$109,343	\$102,067	\$102,067	\$94,791	\$87,515	\$495,784	\$17,092	\$106,232
Other Resources (In-Kind Funds)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

INSTRUCTIONS: This summary page provides a five-year overview (FY 22-26) of proposed funding and actual cumulative spending which includes the non-trustee agency and trustee agency worksheets. **This Summary Page should automatically populate as the formulas reference the cells in the non-trustee agency and trustee agency worksheets. Please make sure the totals given are correct.** The column titled 'Actual Cumulative' will be updated each fiscal year and included in the annual report (include information on the total amount actually spent for all completed years of the project). On the Project Annual Report Form, if any line item exceeds a 10% deviation from the originally-proposed amount; provide detail regarding the reason for the deviation.

COMMENTS:

FY22-26	Project Number: 22220610 Project Title: Kenai Peninsula Stream Watch PM(s): Bornemann (Kenai Watershed Forum)	SUMMARY TABLE
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