

EVOSTC ANNUAL PROJECT REPORT

Recipients of funds from the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council must submit an annual project report in the following format by **Sept. 1 of each fiscal year** for which project funding is received (with the exception of the final funding year in which a final report must be submitted). **Please help ensure that continued support for your project will not be delayed by submitting your report by Sept. 1. Timely receipt of your report allows more time for court notice and transfer, report review and timely release of the following year's funds.**

Satisfactory review of the annual report is necessary for continuation of multi-year projects. Failure to submit an annual report by **Sept. 1** of each year, or unsatisfactory review of an annual report, will result in withholding of additional project funds and may result in cancellation of the project or denial of funding for future projects.

PLEASE NOTE: Significant changes in a project's objectives, methods, schedule, or budget require submittal of a new proposal that will be subject to the standard process of proposal submittal, technical review, and Trustee Council approval.

Project Number: 050763

Project Title: Long-term Monitoring of Anthropogenic Hydrocarbons in the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Region

PI Name: Jeffrey Short

Time period covered by report: October 1, 2004 – September 1, 2005

Date of Report: October 21, 2005

Report prepared by: Jeffrey Short

Project website address (if applicable): <http://www.pwsrcac.org/projects/ltemp.html>

Work Performed:

As outlined in the proposal, field work took place as follows:

October 13-14, 2004: Field sampling at two Port Valdez fixed-program sites.

March 4 – 15, 2005: Field sampling at the ten fixed-program sites.

July 8 – 26, 2005: Field sampling at the ten fixed-program sites, and the Constantine Harbor site.

The project has been progressing as expected, but with a slight deviation from the original project plan or schedule, in that no random-sampling sites were sampled this year. These sites will be sampled during each of the next two years.

As per the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council's (PWSRCAC) fiscal year, a year end report is currently being prepared that will include July 2004, October 2004, and the March 2005 results. This report will be peer reviewed according to the rigorous PWSRCAC peer review procedures, and submitted to the PWSRCAC by January 2005. Once it has been approved by the PWSRCAC, the report and corresponding dataset will be posted on the project website listed above and distributed widely.

Future Work: Future work will progress as outlined in the proposal.

Coordination/Collaboration: As outlined in the proposal, this project has established a partnership including, GEM, the PWSRCAC, and NOAA to perform long term monitoring in PWS on a consistent and stable basis. The

largest contribution will come from the PWSRCAC through sample collection, preparation of the annual reports and coordination of the peer review of the annual reports.

Community Involvement/TEK & Resource Management Applications: Once the annual report outlined above is completed, it will be presented to the PWSRCAC Board of Directors, as well as posted on the PWSRCAC website, and distributed widely.

Information Transfer:

Report submitted to PWSRCAC: "Long-Term Environmental Monitoring Program: 2003- 2004 LTMEP Monitoring Report" by James R. Payne, Ph.D., William B. Driskell, and Jeffrey W. Short, Ph.D., April 18, 2005. This report does not cover any of the sampling that is occurring under this proposal but it is highly relevant as it is one of a series of LTEMP reports documenting the program since its inception in 1993. The report can be accessed via the project website.

Paper presented at the Twenty-eighth Arctic and Marine Oilspill Program (AMOP) Technical Seminar: "From Tankers to Tissues – Tracking the Degradation and Fate of Oil Discharges in Port Valdez, Alaska," June, 2005. Again, this paper does not cover the sampling that is occurring under this proposal. It does incorporate past LTEMP results into a broader description of oil discharges in Port Valdez. This paper can be obtained from the PWSRCAC Anchorage office, or can be found in the AMOP proceedings.

Budget: PWSRCAC may be contributing a larger sum of money than outlined in the proposal due to the rising cost of fuel. It is currently in consideration in the PWSRCAC budget process.

We can accept your annual report as a digital file (Microsoft Word or WordPerfect), with all figures and tables embedded. Acrobat Portable Document Format (PDF) files (version 4.x or later) are also acceptable; please do not lock PDF files or include digital signatures.

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