



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

Project Number: 20180119

Project Title: EVOS Outreach 2020

Principal Investigator(s): Shawna Popovici; DPOR I&E Unit Manager

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 1

Project Website: NA

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

Project progress is on schedule.

The 2020 Outreach funds are an extension of project priorities identified in 18180119. Thus, the reporting information is the same. However, the 2018 Outreach funds will be spent out first prior to expenditures being reported to this project code, thus there are no activities to report in this reporting period for this project.

In this project reporting period [November 2022 to January 2023], DPOR received outreach project priorities from EVOSTC staff identifying Buskin River Nature Trail and Clam Gulch SRA as the top two priority projects to complete.

Although Project Initiation and Planning for Buskin and Clam Gulch are both delayed due to staff turnover at KNWR and ADF&G (see *delayed progress* comment), these projects remain on schedule for completion in 2023.

Project progress is delayed

In November 2022, DPOR reached out to Mike Brady, Kodiak NWR Manager. He requested we begin planning in January as soon as two key vacant positions were filled for his Deputy Refuge Manager and Park Ranger. These positions were filled and a meeting was scheduled for February 2, 2023 to discuss scope of work and project expectations. More information will be discussed in the next reporting period as it begins in February 2023.



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In January 2023, DPOR began work on the second priority project in partnership with ADF&G Refuge office. Joe Meehan is retiring and Sue Rodman will take over that program beginning in March, thus planning has been scheduled for February/March 2023.

Budget reallocation request.

Personnel changes.

1. Summary of Work Performed:

The 2020 Outreach funds are an extension of project priorities identified in 18180119. Thus, the reporting information is the same.

In this reporting period, DPOR's I&E Unit Manager scheduled project planning and scope meetings with KNWR and ADF&G. These meetings were pushed back to mid-winter beginning in February 2023, thus will be reported on in this next project reporting period. A third project will be pursued depending on funding remaining after the top two priority projects have concluded.

2. Abstract:

This project expands services to include interpretation/outreach services for EVOSTC within the Spill area, on EVOSTC parcels or DPOR managed lands.

The goal of the project is to enhance EVOSTC's public outreach by educating the public about the Exxon Valdez oil spill event, its lasting impacts to the State of Alaska, and achievements to mitigate those impacts on spill-affected habitats, species, and services. Task will be identified by the EVOSTC office. Outreach materials are designed for relevance to a current audience while static interpretation, such as panels, are designed to retain relevance for ten years. It is vital to build a new generation of stewards for the spill area, foster an understanding of that critical event in Alaska's history, and to appreciate the work of the Council.

Materials tell the story of the Spill, the Council, and the habitat conservation, enhancement, and/or restoration projects that have taken place at the identified site. Content includes information regarding support for EVOS-affected species and habitat restoration using before and after themes. Projects that include panels should be generic enough to be adapted and fabricated for additional EVOSTC habitat enhancement sites as appropriate, and each of these locations would lie within the Spill Area.



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3. Coordination and Collaboration:

As the projects were initially discussed with partners in 2021, Shawna Popovici (DPOR) notified both the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge (KNWR) and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) to discuss moving forward with their priority projects.

In late 2022, both agencies were experiencing turnover in key positions. KNWR requested project initiation to begin in February 2023, while ADF&G requested a similar timeline to begin in February or March 2023. These initial meetings will discuss project scope, coordination and key contacts, and project timelines. Thus, the next reporting period will contain more detailed project information.

4. Response to EVOSTC Review, Recommendations and Comments:

Priority projects were set by EVOSTC in Fall of 2022. Remaining scope was to work with council staff to identify and implement priority interpretive projects. Depending on the priority listing, potentially two or three priority projects can be funded with remaining Outreach funds. EVOSTC outlined the top four priority projects:

- Priority #1: Buskin River Nature Trail
- Priority #2: Clam Gulch SRA
- Priority #3: Anchor River’s Halibut Campground
- Priority #4: Diamond Creek SRA

DPOR will move forward to implement the top two priority projects. The 2018 funds will be expended first, and the projects will roll into the 2020 Outreach funding. Once the scope and budgets are set for those two projects with the project partners, then project work can begin. A third project may be possible for implementation depending on remaining funding available. Of which, work from the remaining two priorities will be reviewed and DPOR will request recommendation from EVOSTC how to proceed to complete the EVOS Outreach projects.

5. Budget:

Location/Site:	EVOS Outreach 2020
Approved Budget (w/o GA):	\$45,000.00
Amount Spent:	\$ 0.00
Remaining Balance:	\$ 45,000.00
Anticipated Completion Date:	December 31, 2023

Nothing yet spent, no expenditures to report.