



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

Project Number: 23170116

Project Title: ADNR/DPOR Riverbed Habitat Restoration & Protection Project

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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: August 31, 2023

Project Website: N/A

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

Project progress is on schedule.

Project progress is delayed

This grant award was divided among several subprojects. Three of those projects were completed on schedule. Two projects have experienced delays in project delivery.

As previously reported, the Anchor River SRA project was delayed due to a flood event in 2020. That construction has now been completed and the project has been closed out.

The Kenai River Flats scope has been supplemented by grant funds from The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF)'s Transportation Alternative Program (TAP). Release of those grant funds were delayed in 2021. Funding has now been received and the project is currently in the design phase. Construction is expected to begin in early 2024 and finish during Fall 2024.



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Budget reallocation request.

Not applicable

Personnel changes.

Not applicable

a. Summary of Work Performed:

This project consists of capital improvements at six park units to restore and protect fish habitat adversely impacted by human activity. They include Kenai River Flats, Eagle Rock, Crooked Creek SRS, Kenai River Ranch, Pipeline Crossing, and Anchor River SRA. Four of the six proposed subprojects for this funding are complete. Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council (EVOSTC) funding was also successfully used to leverage match funding for larger impact projects. See the Coordination and Collaboration section below.

The Kenai River Flats Riverbank Protection, Phase I project is currently being designed. Survey data was collected by a third-party contract and the final survey has been received by the Department. Geotechnical work was completed in February 2023. The Environmental document has been completed and is certified from ADOT. Design, permitting, and advertising is targeted to be completed early next year and construction to be completed by the end of 2024.

As previously reported, the Eagle Rock Riverbank Protection project, the Crooked Creek State Recreation Site Riverbank Restoration project, the Kenai River Ranch Riverbank Restoration project, and the Anchor River State Recreation Area Riverbank Protection project have all been constructed.

The Pipeline Crossing Riverbank Restoration project was deferred, in coordination with the EVOSTC Executive Director, due to higher than anticipated contract bids for the Eagle Rock and Crooked Creek work. DPOR monitored for opportunities to reintroduce this work during the construction at Eagle Rock and Crooked Creek, but unfortunately, that opportunity did not present itself. DPOR is pursuing federal-aid grants and to use the remaining funds as match. Project design is complete and is considered 'shovel-ready.' Leftover funding from the Kenai River Ranch project will be repurposed to supplement this project to maximize its match potential for federal-aid funding.



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b. Abstract:

The collective funding will be used to enhance and protect riverbank habitat, as well as to support recreational access and tourism at the project sites. Interpretive displays will also be installed at each site to facilitate redirecting human impact and promote public participation in the long-term success of the project objectives.

This project will construct over 1,200 feet of ELP walkway and provide river access stairs for habitat protection; restore nearly 1,500 feet of habitat along the Kenai, Kasilof, and Anchor Rivers; and provide approximately 2,000 plantings planted near the riverbank for revegetation of willow, birch, and spruce species at the sites.

c. Coordination and Collaboration:

Kenai River Flats, Eagle Rock, Kenai River Ranch, and Pipeline Crossing are all park units of the Kenai River Special Management Area (KRSMA). The projects funded by this grant are aligned with the Kenai River Comprehensive Management Plan and are supported by the following groups:

- Kenai River Special Management Area Advisory Board,
- Kenai River Sportfishing Association, and
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries Restoration Center.

This grant also provided an opportunity to pursue match funding on several projects. EVOSTC funding of \$300,000 was used as a successful application for “match” for over \$3 million dollars in Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) federal-aid funds from the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) for the Kenai River Flats Riverbank Protection, Phase I project.

EVOSTC funding of \$426,600 was used to leverage National Park Service (NPS) federal-aid funds in an additional amount of \$400,000 for the Anchor River State Recreation Area Riverbank Protection project.

The Eagle Rock Riverbank Protection project will also restore, protect, and enhance a site previously acquired using EVOSTC funds.

d. Response to EVOSTC Review, Recommendations and Comments:

Not Applicable



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e. Budget:

Budget Category:	Proposed FY 17	Proposed FY 23	Proposed FY 24	Proposed FY 25	Proposed FY 26	5-YR TOTAL PROPOSED	QUARTERLY EXPENDITURES	ACTUAL CUMULATIVE
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$523,282
Travel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$34,902
Contractual	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$170	\$1,416,334
Commodities	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$8,421
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Indirect Costs (report rate here)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
SUBTOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$170	\$1,982,939
General Administration (9% of subtotal)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	N/A
PROJECT TOTAL	\$2,031,600	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,031,600	\$170	\$1,982,939
Other Resources (In-Kind Funds)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$3,400,000