

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

**Project Number:** 18180119 and 20180119

Project Title: EVOS Outreach 2018 and EVOS Outreach 2020

**Principal Investigator(s):** Shawna Popovici; Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation (DPOR) I&E Unit Manager

### **Reporting Periods and Due Dates:**

Reporting Period	Due Date		
February, March, April	June 1		
May, June, July	<mark>September 1</mark>		
August, September, October	December 1		
November, December, January March 1			

Submission Date: Report for September 1, 2023

## **Project Website: NA**

Please check <u>all</u> the boxes that apply to the current reporting period.

### ⊠ Project progress is on schedule.

In this project reporting period [May 2023 to July 2023], DPOR began work on the two high priority projects: Buskin River Nature Trail and Clam Gulch SRA. Both required site visits and meeting with area management to plan interpretive themes to begin drafting a write up.

As reported in the last progress report, although project planning for both Buskin and Clam Gulch projects was initially delayed due to staff turnover at KNWR and ADF&G, these projects remain on schedule for completion by end of year.

### □ Project progress is delayed

□ Budget reallocation request.

### $\Box$ Personnel changes.



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**1. Summary of Work Performed:** In this reporting period, DPOR's I&E Unit Manager had two site visits with KNWR and ADF&G at each location. Design through fabrication will happen in fall-winter months.

- In May-July, DPOR attended site visits and began planning with both Kodiak NWR (KNWR) Staff and ADF&G staff on site visits and initial interpretive themes for the interpretive panels at each site (Buskin River Nature Trail and Clam Gulch SRA & CHA).
  - June 11-13, site visit to Kodiak NWR (Buskin River) and met with Natalie Fath.
  - July 13, first interview with SME Mike Booz of ADF&G. In April, DPOR met with Sue Rodman, new ADF&G Refuge Program Manager. ADF&G identified key project leads and will schedule field staff (SME) interviews in the next quarter.
  - $\circ$  In July, interpretive write-up proposals created for each site.
- Design will begin in the next quarter.

**2. Abstract:** This project implements interpretive services for EVOSTC. The goal is to enhance EVOSTC's public outreach, educating the public about the Exxon Valdez oil spill event, its lasting impacts to the state, and achievements to mitigate those impacts on spill-affected habitats, species, and services.

The goal of interpretive media is to provide meaningful connections to a resource, creating opportunities for and developing stewardship. As time passes since the Spill, building a new generation of stewards and fostering an understanding of that critical event in Alaska history and the work of the Council is vital.

Initial project scope included three tasks:

- The first developed a film with a brief history of the spill, the inception of the Council, and its work over the last 30 years.
- The second created a traveling exhibit consisting of pop-up banners for use at public events and presentations with general information about the spill, the Council, and its work.
- The third developed three interpretive displays highlighting habitat enhancement and restoration projects that were installed on EVOSTC habitat enhancement sites (Dimond Creek/Homer, Mineral Creek/Valdez, and Eshamy Bay/Prince William Sound.).

Remaining priority projects currently in process are:

- Priority #1: Buskin River Nature Trail Interpretation Project
- Priority #2: Clam Gulch SRA Interpretation Project



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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. Last quarter, each partner approved moving forward with implementing their projects and identified key contacts on the project.

For this quarter, only minor costs were incurred in this reporting period as site visits and initial interpretive write-up drafts were created. The majority of project tasks will be completed August to December 2023.

Site visits with partners discussed interpretive themes, panel location, and discussion with SMEs.

**4. Response to EVOSTC Review, Recommendations, and Comments**: In this reporting period, EVOSTC staff have not been asked to review interpretive panels or write-ups since they are still in early drafts. In the coming review periods, EVOSTC staff will have opportunity to review and comment early on during the panel review and editing process.

**5. Budget:** Total balance remaining from both allocations of funding is \$67,827.41. There is no anticipated funding to remain after the completion of the project. The project completion date is scheduled for December 31, 2023.

Location/Site:	EVOS Outreach 2018		
Approved Budget (w/o GA):	\$45,030.47 (Task 78YN was set up with the remaining funds from original \$129,094.00 allocation)		
Amount Spent:	\$28,745.74		
Remaining Balance:	\$16,284.73		
Anticipated Completion Date:	Fall 2023 *this code will be used up first.		
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		



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