



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

Project Number: Project 23220611

Project Title: Big Eddy Restoration and Improvements

Principal Investigator(s): Shannon Martin, Kenai River Sportfishing Association

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: June 1

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

Budget reallocation request.

Not applicable

Personnel changes.

Not applicable

1. Summary of Work Performed:

Work continued to be limited on the project during the winter months. Project is on schedule with scheduled tasks/milestones. Alaska Department of Parks and Outdoor Recreation (DPOR) Design and Construction engineers continue to develop design plans to reach the project milestone of 35% design plans. Kenai River Sportfishing Association (KRSA) continued to



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inform the community and increase public knowledge of the project. KRSA provided a presentation to the Kenai and Soldotna Chambers of Commerce in February of 2023 and fielded many questions from the public. KRSA also hosted two community outreach booths at Southcentral sporting shows. The combined reach of attendees of the March Mat-Su Sportsman Show and April Great Alaska Sports Show was 20,000.

DPOR worked with the University of Alaska Anchorage Civil Engineering Department and the 2023 Capstone Senior Design class. This class is an opportunity for graduating students in the CE Bachelor's program to gain real-world experience working with professionals in the engineering community. A team of three students created a fictional design firm and used the Big Eddy project to learn how to work with clients, manage deliverables and budgets, and design a project to the 35% design level. DPOR staff acted as both clients and mentors to help the students produce a professional product and a final presentation describing their work and project. The students completed their work and made their final mock design presentation to a small audience April 2023.

2. Abstract:

The collective funding will be used to enhance and protect riverbank habitat, as well as to support recreational access and tourism at the 16.7-acre Big Eddy Day Use Area near Soldotna, Alaska. Interpretive displays will also be installed at the site to facilitate redirecting human impact and promote public participation in the long-term success of the project objectives. This project will be constructed in multiple phases over a four-year period.

This project will construct over 1,000 feet of elevated light-penetrating (ELP) walkway and provide river access stairs for habitat protection; restore 150 feet of deteriorating riverbank along the Kenai River; construct a parking area away from the riverbank to meet user demand help prevent haphazard parking in sensitive riparian areas; and will pave the 500-foot section of Big Eddy Road that goes through the park unit and the existing gravel parking area.

3. Coordination and Collaboration:

Alaska Department of Fish and Game:

A portion of the work at the Big Eddy Day Use Area has been funded through Alaska Department of Fish and Game. Renovation of the floating boat dock and gangway will be completed with these funds. Funding sources include Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act (Dingell-Johnson/Wallop-Breaux) and State matching funds.



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Kenai River Special Management Area Advisory Board:

The Big Eddy State Rec Site falls within the Kenai River Special Management Area (KRSMA). The KRSMA Advisory Board is composed of land managers, agencies, and local stakeholders who are charged with developing a plan to protect the natural resources and fish and wildlife habitat, manage the river's recreational and commercial uses, and provided public facilities. KRSA Executive Director Shannon Martin, a KRSMA Advisory Board Member, will continue to inform the group on the status of the Big Eddy project and take input from the KRSMA Advisory Board.

University of Alaska Anchorage:

The Big Eddy Facility Improvements project was selected by DPOR as a potential project for collaboration with the University of Alaska Anchorage, School of Engineering Senior Design class. This class provides real-world experience in project design for students about to graduate with a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering. Students completed a 35% design and cost estimate by the end of a semester, some of which may be useful to the final design completed by DPOR. Costs for this community outreach will not be applied to grant funding.



Shannon Martin,
KRSA, provides a
presentation to the
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Chambers of
Commerce February
2023.



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KRSA community outreach booth at the Mat-Su Sportsman Show March 2023.



UAA students presented their final mock design to a small audience April 2023.

4. Response to EVOSTC Review, Recommendations and Comments:

Not applicable



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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	\$2,250	\$2,250	\$2,250	\$2,250	\$0	\$9,000	\$1,381	\$3,611
Travel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Contractual	\$0	\$0	\$1,414,100	\$1,414,100	\$0	\$2,828,200	\$0	\$0
Commodities	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Indirect Costs (40%)	\$900	\$900	\$566,540	\$566,540	\$0	\$1,134,880	\$552	\$1,444
SUBTOTAL	\$3,150	\$3,150	\$1,982,890	\$1,982,890	\$0	\$3,972,080	\$1,933	\$5,055
General Administration (9% of subtotal)	\$284	\$284	\$178,460	\$178,460	\$0	\$357,487	\$174	\$455
PROJECT TOTAL	\$3,434	\$3,434	\$2,161,350	\$2,161,350	\$0	\$4,329,567		\$5,510
Other Resources (In-Kind Funds)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,773