



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:

<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: Report for December 1, 2023

Project Website: NA

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

Project progress is on schedule.

EVOS Outreach 2018 funds are being used to complete the Clam Gulch SRA panels. This project is on schedule to be completed in the next/final reporting period.

Project progress is delayed

The EVOS Outreach 2020 funds will be used to complete the interpretive panels for Buskin River Nature Trail. In this reporting period [August 2023 to October 2023], the Interpretation & Education Unit experienced a full staff turnover (see *Personnel Changes* section that follows). Although the supervisor was able to continue with planning interpretive themes with the project partner, the review of the interpretive write-up draft was delayed for this project, and the partner requested a change to some of the themes that will affect the drafts.

This project is currently delayed and an extension request was officially requested on November 20, 2023 but is still under review.

Budget reallocation request.

Personnel changes.

As mentioned above, the Interpretation & Education Unit experienced full staff turnover. The Publication Specialist and Natural Resources positions were both vacant for a period during the quarter. The positions were both filled prior to the end of the quarter, however, the Kodiak project experienced some project work delays as described above.



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1. Summary of Work Performed:

In this reporting period, DPOR's I&E Unit Manager completed the interpretive write-ups for the Clam Gulch panels.

- Clam Gulch SRA project: From August to October, DPOR finalized the interpretive write-ups with ADF&G on the.
 - Design is completed and in review for the orientation panel
 - Design is in progress for the interpretive panel and nearing the first-draft.
 - Buskin River Nature Trail project: From August to October, DPOR worked with Kodiak NWR staff to review interpretive themes and the write-up proposals. A change is requested to focus two panels on the Audubon Nature Trail, and the other two or three on the connector trail.
 - A design proposal was in review prior to I&E staff vacancies.
 - I&E submitted a no-cost extension request to EVOSTC for review.
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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.

For this quarter, both partners have been active in the content, write-ups, and reviews of their panel products thus far. For Clam Gulch, Mike Booz was readily available as a subject matter expert and provided in-kind use of photos for the interpretive panel. Additionally, the DPOR field staff, Ranger Jason Okuly, provided feedback and edits needed in the orientation panel. For KNWR, Natalie Fath gave feedback to the draft interpretive themes and write-ups so they could move forward into the first drafting stage.

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 next two quarters, 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 \$59,488.08. There is no anticipated funding to remain after the completion of the project. Through a No-Cost Extension Request, the project completion date was moved to the end of the first quarter in 2024 (April 30, 2024).

Location/Site:	EVOS Outreach 2018
Approved Budget (w/o GA):	\$45,030.47 <i>(Task 78YN was set up with the remaining funds from original \$129,094.00 allocation)</i>
Amount Spent:	\$30,542.39
Remaining Balance:	\$14,488.08
Anticipated Completion Date:	Q4 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:	<i>Updated due to No-Cost Extension Request: April 30, 2024</i>



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	\$30,542.39 Total Expended through October 2023
	\$45,030.47 Original Task 78YN
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	\$14,488.08 2018 Outreach Remaining Balance to be spent out in EVOSTC Q4
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+	\$45,000.00 2020 Outreach Funding
	\$59,488.08 Total Outreach Funds Remaining