



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

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Project Number: 23220502

Project Title: Clean Water Act Assessment of Beaches with Lingering Oil

Principal Investigator(s): Terri Lomax, ADEC Water Quality Program Manager

Reporting Periods and Due Dates: February, March, April 2023

<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 9, 2023

Project Website: In development

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

Project progress is on schedule.

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Project progress is delayed

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Budget reallocation request for this reporting period.

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Personnel changes.

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1. Summary of Work Performed:

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) formed an internal working group to begin activities on this grant. A kickoff meeting was held Feb 1, 2023, where staff members were oriented to the overall project goals and objectives. Work began in earnest on several objectives.

Objective #1 Identifying waters of concern.

Task A. Identify Waters of Concern.

Status: Ongoing. Staff began work by evaluating the current list of DEC impaired waters with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) database of assessed waters. These two lists should match as the database, called ATTAINS, is the central clearinghouse of every State's assessed waters. ATTAINS was launched in 2018 and manually populated from previous paper forms. This led to numerous discrepancies throughout Alaska's assessed waters and is true with EVOS impaired waters as well. DEC will address these discrepancies throughout this project.

With assistance from DEC Spill Prevention and Response staff, a contract was developed to perform a literature review. The ability to incorporate local or traditional knowledge will be built into the contract. Solicitation for the contract is expected to begin in early May. The purpose of the contract is to review recent data and science surrounding lingering oil in Prince William Sound to complete a literature review, participate in team meetings, and develop a final report and GIS map(s). The objectives are to conduct a literature review and provide a summary of the following:

- 1) which beaches impacted by the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill (EVOS) still have lingering oil, and
- 2) what resources and data are available that could be used to evaluate the degree and effects of residual crude oil.

Task B. Develop a set of standards suitable to gauge recovery and compliance with water quality standards.

Status: No work to report on this Objective/Task.

Task C. Compile available information regarding impaired waters

Status: No work to report on this Objective/Task.

Task D. Develop GIS map

Status: No work to report on this Objective/Task.



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Objective #2 Updating Clean Water Act status of impaired beaches.

Task A. Develop listing methodology.

Status: No work to report on this Objective/Task.

Task B. Evaluate Data.

Status: No work to report on this Objective/Task.

Objective 3. Stakeholder Involvement during this reporting period.

Task A. Communication Plan.

Status: Ongoing. Utilizing expertise from the DEC Tribal Coordinator we developed a draft communication plan and outreach materials. The Draft Communication Plan identified communities, Alaska Native entities, and other organizations who might have an interest in participating or learning about this project. Communication was broken down into two phases, an information gathering phase to learn about use of impaired beaches and secondly a review of water body analysis and associated listing methodologies. Phase 1 is fairly well fleshed out, Phase 2 will be informed by the results of the literature review discussed in Objective 1A. The Communication plan will be finalized by the end of Quarter 3. Development of a project factsheet began as an outreach tool.

Task B. Public Engagement.

Status: Ongoing. DEC is investigating options for public engagement with entities identified in the Draft Communication Plan. In person and virtual options are being explored.

2. Abstract:

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) initiated the Clean Water Act Assessment of Beaches with Lingering Oil grant in February 2023. Activities around this initial period centered around orienting the team, the development of outreach tools and materials, as well as initiating contract assistance to complete a literature review to assist in the evaluation of lingering impacts to beaches listed as impaired by the State of Alaska.

3. Coordination and Collaboration:

Since the project just kicked off coordination and collaboration was limited during this project reporting period. DEC reached out to Michelle Davis, United States Environmental Protection Agency for suggestions and recommendations coordinating with AK Native communities. The development of listserv for project updates is planned, this listserv is intended to provide a means for frequent updates to interested parties and agencies. We will also be developing a DEC



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webpage dedicated to this EVOS project and as a landing page for maps, documents, and any public surveys we develop.

4. Response to EVOSTC Review, Recommendations and Comments:

N/A

5. Budget: Amended as of Dec 1, 2023 to reflect corrected General Administration charges.

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		\$0	\$43,902	\$79,441	\$95,584	\$51,032	\$269,959	\$22,296	\$22,296
Travel		\$0	\$4,080	\$6,640	\$6,640	\$6,640	\$24,000	\$0	\$0
Contractual		\$0	\$14,500	\$65,000	\$68,000	\$0	\$147,500	\$0	\$0
Commodities		\$0	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$0	\$2,250	\$0	\$0
Equipment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Indirect Costs	Rate = 0%	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SUBTOTAL		\$0	\$63,232	\$151,831	\$170,974	\$57,672	\$443,709	\$22,296	\$22,296
General Administration (9% of subtotal)		\$0	\$5,691	\$13,665	\$15,388	\$5,191	\$39,934	\$2,007	\$2,007
PROJECT TOTAL		\$0	\$68,923	\$165,496	\$186,361	\$62,863	\$483,643	\$24,302	\$24,302
Other Resources (In-Kind Funds)			\$6,624	\$6,823	\$7,027	\$7,238	\$27,712	\$201	\$201