

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: 24220602

Project Title: Kenai Peninsula Streambank Rehabilitation and Protection Project

Principal Investigator(s): Jessica Johnson, ADF&G

Reporting Periods and Due Dates:

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

Submission Date: June 20, 2024

Project Website: N/A

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

⊠ Project progress is on schedule.

□ Project progress is delayed

□ Budget reallocation request for this reporting period.

□ Personnel changes.

1. Summary of Work Performed:

During this reporting period 10 projects were selected for funding and Private Landowner Agreements (PLA) were developed. The PLA lays out what work is being done, the importance of doing this work, what the responsibilities are for the landowner, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and Alaska Department of Fish and Game, a budget breakdown, and finally some pre-project photos. Once all parties agreed on the PLA the landowner(s) signed it. The PLA can be used to help obtain the necessary permits for their project. Staff were able to help



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landowners with the permitting process and all permits were obtained prior to any work being started.

The projects that were not funded were sent an email and a letter via the US Postal Service letting them know that they were not funded. This letter lets the landowner know what their options are in terms of their project. Some of them will elect to move forward without financial help while others may choose to wait and submit their proposal next year.

In March it was decided that the 2024 Streambank Rehabilitation Workshop would happen at Centennial Park May 14th and 15th, 2024. This was ideal for the Workshop as there is room for parking and there are toilets on site. The class was advertised on social media, at the Kenai Peninsula Fish Habitat Partnership meeting, and by word of mouth. The other reason to have the workshop there is because ADF&G along with USFWS and Trout Unlimited (TU) devolved a community planting day at the same location. This planting will help rebuild up the riparian area immediately behind the Streambank Rehabilitation Workshop site.

By April, most landowners had received their permits for their streambank project. A preconstruction meeting took place with each of the landowners, their contractors, and USFWS. This meeting was to ensure that everyone understood the project objectives, length of the project, and techniques that were going to be used. If the landowner had any concerns about their project this is when it was discussed with everyone. During these meetings the contractors were able to give an estimated date of when the project was going to start and approximately how long it would take to be completed.

The rest of Apil was spent planning and making small adjustments to projects. Workbooks were also printed for the workshop participants and a meeting between ADF&G and USFWS took place to go over last-minute details of the workshop.

2. Abstract:

During this reporting period 10 projects were selected for funding and Private Landowner Agreements were developed, reviewed, and signed by the landowners. All the necessary permits for these projects were also obtained during this time. A preconstruction meeting took place in April with each of the landowners, their contractors, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Landowners' concerns were discussed, and the contractors were able to give a time estimate of when the project might be starting.



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Also, during this period it was decided where and when we would hold the 2024 Streambank Rehabilitation Workshop in Kenai. The dates for the Kenai workshop were May 14th and 15th at Centennial Park. The class was advertised on social media, at the Kenai Peninsula Fish Habitat Partnership meeting, and by word of mouth.

ADF&G, USFWS, and TU coordinated with the City of Soldotna Parks and Recreation to figure out the logistics Community Planting Day. While the 2024 Streambank Workshop will stabilize the streambank, TU's Community Planting Day will help plant up with riparian area.

3. Coordination and Collaboration:

Alexa with TU, Maura with USFWS, and myself continued planning the planting day at Centennial Park with the City of Soldotna Parks and Recreation. It was determined which plants were going to be planted at the site while maintaining access to the river for people. It was decided that native roses, raspberries, alders, and white spruce would be planted at the locations. ADF&G was able to help Alexa get in touch with a contractor who had alders and some larger white spruce trees. Alexa also reached out to other partners who had more experience in large scale planting to figure out locations where to plant these species. For example, raspberries should be planted along the trail to prevent people from walking through the restoration site to pick berries. While the roses and alders could be planted intermittently throughout the area, and the white spruce planted further back from the bank.

4. Response to EVOSTC Review, Recommendations and Comments:

N/A

5. Budget:



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		Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	5-YR TOTAL	Quarterly	ACTUAL
		FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	PROPOSED	Expenditures	CUMULATIV
Personnel		\$0	\$90,586	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$9,247	\$30,030
Travel		\$0	\$23,580	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$23,580	\$0	\$1,494
Contractual		\$0	\$242,850	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$242,850	\$0	\$60,468
Commodities		\$0	\$6,100	\$0	\$0		\$6,100	\$0	\$70
Equipment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	S
Indirect Costs (report rate here)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	SC.
	SUBTOTAL	\$ 0	\$363,116	<mark>\$</mark> 0	<mark>\$</mark> 0	<mark>\$0</mark>	\$363,116	\$9,247	\$92,061
General Administration	n (9% of subtotal)	\$0	\$32,680	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$32,680	\$ 0	N/A
	PROJECT TOTAL	\$0	\$395,796	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$395,796	\$55,473	
)ther Resources (I	n-Kind Funds)	\$0	\$209,840	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$209,840		
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