



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:

<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: September 20, 2024

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 for this reporting period.**
- Personnel changes.**

1. Summary of Work Performed:

During this reporting period staff facilitated the installation of the 10 projects that were selected for funding. Staff were able to oversee and give technical support during the installation of these projects. All of the projects that involved stabilizing the bank with vegetation and planting the riparian area were started and completed. All of the projects that had an elevated light



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penetrating walkways (ELP) component were started and the majority were completed. There was one or two of these projects that didn't get wrapped up until August.

The 2024 Streambank Rehabilitation Workshop was held on May 14 and 15, 2024. There was a total of 18 people who attended the classroom portion of the workshop, while a total of 15 people attended the hands-on portion. During the hands-on portion the participants installed 115-ft of a single brush layers, 3-ft by 115-ft of vegetative mat, and 115-ft of cabled spruce trees. The participants included a combination of Fairbanks Soil and Water Conservation District, city of Soldotna employees, federal and state agencies, and private landowners. Project staff and partners discussed what fish habitat is and why it is important, different techniques used to protect, maintain, and rehabilitate fish habitat, and gave examples of past projects.

With 100% turnover of the Cost-Share's USFWS partners statewide and all of them attending the Kenai's 2024 Streambank Rehabilitation Workshop it was decided to do a site tour of past projects. The Kenai Peninsula has a long history of streambank rehabilitation projects and a wide variety of techniques used throughout the area. The tour was very help as the Mat-Su region doesn't get to see very many rootwad projects and the Fairbanks area doesn't have as many brush layers or cabled spruce tree projects. Partners got to see all of these techniques freshly installed to what they look like seven or eight years after they were installed. This will help the partners explain what a project will look like over the years in their own area.

Staff also spoke with six landowner who are interested in the Cost-Share program for 2025. Information about fish habitat was given while talking to these landowners, bioengineering solutions, the importance of riparian areas, and what are the requirements to be selected for the program.

2. Abstract:

During this reporting period staff facilitated the installation of the 10 projects that were selected for funding. All these projects were started during this reporting period and all but one or two were completed. Also, staff gave a one-day site tour of past projects to USFWS Cost-Share partners to help them get a better understanding of the types of projects that are funded, what they look like new and what they look like a few years after installing.

The 2024 Streambank Rehabilitation Workshop was held May 14th and 15th, 2024. For the classroom portion of the workshop 18 people attended, and for the hands-on portion there were 15 people. The class was able to gain hands-on experience while installing 115-ft of a single brush layers, 3-ft by 115-ft of vegetive mat, and approximately 115-ft of cabled spruce trees.



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The Centennial Park Community Planting Day was held June 9, 2024, in coordination with Trout Unlimited, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and City of Soldotna Parks and Recreation. With an estimated 50 community members attending and planting 200 plants. Kenai Watershed Forum and the City of Soldotna Parks and Recreation continued to care for the projects completed here.

3. Coordination and Collaboration:

In May, Alexa with Trout Unlimited, Maura with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, City of Soldotna Parks and Recreation, and myself made small adjustments to the planting day at Centennial Park. On June 9, 2024, the Centennial Park Planting day was hosted. There was a total of four booths from other partners set up that day to talk about the importance of fish habitat and what can be done to help support fish habitat. There was an estimated 50 community members who showed up to help plant the riparian area immediately behind the 2024 Streambank Rehabilitation Workshop. The City of Soldotna had already installed the gravel path in the area, and they had the soil and wood chips on site. Over 200 plants, which was a combination of white spruce, native Alaskan roses, raspberries, and alders, were planted in just five hours by the community. Kenai Watershed Forum's Stream Watch Program showed up the next day to install a temporary fence to keep fisherman off of the newly installed plants. The City of Soldotna Parks and Recreation committed to watering both the Workshops plants and the planting days plants for the summer.

4. Response to EVOSTC Review, Recommendations and Comments:

N/A

5. Budget:



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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	\$90,586	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$90,586	\$3,219	\$33,249
Travel	\$0	\$23,580	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$23,580	\$693	\$2,187
Contractual	\$0	\$242,850	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$242,850	\$9,620	\$70,088
Commodities	\$0	\$6,100	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,100	\$48	\$118
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Indirect Costs (report rate here)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SUBTOTAL	\$0	\$363,116	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$363,116	\$13,579	\$105,642
General Administration (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	
Other Resources (In-Kind Funds)	\$0	\$209,840	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$209,840		
<p>INSTRUCTIONS: This summary page provides a five-year overview (FY 22-26) of proposed funding and actual cumulative spending which includes the non-trustee agency and trustee agency worksheets. This Summary Page should automatically populate as the formulas reference the cells in the non-trustee agency and trustee agency worksheets. Please make sure the totals given are correct. The column titled 'Actual Cumulative' will be updated each fiscal year and included in the annual report (include information on the total amount actually spent for all completed years of the project). On the Project Annual Report Form, if any line item exceeds a 10% deviation from the originally-proposed amount; provide detail regarding the reason for the deviation.</p>								
<p>COMMENTS:</p>								