



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

Project Number: 15150123

Project Title: Kenai Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Project

Principal Investigator(s):

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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: March 1, 2025

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

A request was made April 18, 2022, for a no-cost extension for Kenai Peninsula Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration (15-01, 16-02 and 18-01) through SFY2025. The extension was requested due to a construction delay related to right-of-way acquisition on the larger highway upgrade that the final fish passage project is a part of; EVOS granted this extension. There has not been any work on the Sterling Highway MP 157-169 project in the last year.

According to DOT:

There are couple reasons:

1. We have been directed by the Commissioner’s office to split the project into smaller phases for construction. Our design consultant is actively working to break out the first construction phase, but it takes time to split up the project.
2. There are extensive utility relocations required to accommodate the proposed roadway improvements. All utility relocations require a relocation agreement, which entails a



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detailed utility design. Those designs are completed by the utility owner (HEA, ACS, ENSTAR, etc) and are nearing completion, but they are taking longer than we anticipate, and we have little control over their internal workload. Also, there are new Buy America Buy American (BABA) requirements that make sourcing some utility materials (for federal reimbursement) difficult, but we're actively working with utility companies to figure out a solution.

At this point, it is likely that the culvert replacement will take place in 2025. It is likely that it may not get completed by July 1, 2025, in which case we will need to request another no-cost extension for this grant.

Budget reallocation request.

N/A

Personnel changes.

N/A

1. Summary of Work Performed:

Project A, North Fork Anchor River and Nikolaevsk Road:

This project was completed in the fall of 2021, at a cost of \$2,061,671.31.

Project B, Two Moose Creek:

This project is part of the multi-year Sterling Highway upgrade, MP 157-169. Design and right of way acquisition is complete, but final utility agreements are still necessary before construction funding can be requested. Construction of the new culvert will likely be completed in summer of 2025. The EVOS funded portion of this project is anticipated to come in at budget.

Project C, North Fork Anchor River at the Sterling Highway:

This project is also part of the Sterling MP 157-169 upgrade and will also replace the undersized and perched culverts at MP 157 with a bridge, where the North Fork Anchor River crosses the Sterling Highway. Construction of the new culvert has been delayed from 2023 to 2024; a final decision will depend on the sequencing of the overall project agreed upon by the AKDOT and the selected contractor. No EVOS funds will be used on this project.



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Project D, Crooked Creek and Sterling Highway:

Project was completed in 2019 and came in under budget at a total cost of \$4,361,786. The remaining funds were redirected to Project A in case of cost overruns.

Additional Project, Coal Creek at the Sterling Highway:

Coal Creek was completed in the summer of 2019 and was included with Project D for budgeting purposes.

2. Abstract:

Projects A and D have been completed. Construction of projects B and C is anticipated to take place in 2025; a final decision will depend on the sequencing of the overall project agreed upon by the AKDOT and the selected contractor.

3. Coordination and Collaboration:

Continued coordination with AKDOT.

4. Response to EVOSTC Review, Recommendations and Comments:

N/A

5. Budget:

	Total in Grant	FY18 Expenditures	FY19 Expenditures	FY20 Expenditures	FY21 Expenditures	FY22 Expenditures	FY23 Expenditures	FY24 Expenditures	FY25 Projected Expenditures	Projected Balance End of Grant
Contractual Costs:	8,000,000.00	0.00	4,361,786.00	0.00	2,061,671.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000,000.00	576,543.00
Project A: North Fork Anchor River at Nikolaeusk Road	2,000,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,061,671.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(61,671.00)
Project B: Two Moose Creek	1,000,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000,000.00	0.00
Project C: North Fork Anchor River at Sterling Highway	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Project D: Crooked Creek at Sterling Highway	5,000,000.00	0.00	4,361,786.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	638,214.00
Additional Project: Coal Creek at Sterling Highway	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Commodities Costs:	0.00									0.00
New Equipment Purchases:	0.00									0.00
Existing Equipment Usage:	0.00									0.00
Total	8,000,000.00	0.00	4,361,786.00	0.00	2,061,671.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000,000.00	576,543.00
<i>recalculate balance</i>										576,543.00

Above shows the overall budget for the whole grant. An RSA has been completed for project B Two Moose Creek which will occur during the summer of 2025; at this point, we project that the remaining expenditures (\$1,000,000) will occur in 2025. Currently, we are projecting a remaining balance of \$576,543 which will be used to help with project B or returned at the end of the grant life.