



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

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*\*Detailed instructions for each section below are given in Section II. Quarterly Project Reports in the Reporting Policy on the website, <https://evostc.state.ak.us/policies-procedures/reporting-procedures/>*

**Project Number: 18180120**

**Project Title: Copper River Watershed Enhancement**

**Principal Investigator(s):**

Erika Ammann, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
Megan Marie, Alaska Department of Fish and Game  
Anna Senecal, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Kim Clark, U.S. Forest Service

**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:**

**Project Website:**

Internal for project partners: <https://copperriver.org/copper-river-evos-project-page/> Password: *contact CRWP*

Informational website: <https://copperriver.org/programs/fish-habitat-restoration/restoration/copper-river-watershed-enhancement/>

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

**Project progress is on schedule.**

**Project progress is delayed**

**Budget reallocation request.**



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**Personnel changes.**

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**1. Summary of Work Performed:**

During this period, the following activities occurred:

Restoration updates:

During this quarter, end of year reporting was the primary activity. Restoration has been completed at all the sites in the original proposal. We are awaiting the final transfer of remaining funds from our partners at ADFG and NOAA so we can complete some touch-ups at restored sites, including placing additional vegetative mat to help speed up the establishment of native vegetation, and add more erosion protection near culvert collars. However, the federal funding grant freeze has left USFWS, the agency that manages the transfer of EVOSTC to CRWP, is unable to issue amendments at this time. Depending on how long this is delayed it's possible we will need to wait until 2026 to implement final touches at restoration sites.

Hydrology updates:

- None at this time.

Other updates:

- The Copper River EVOS Project Page (for partners) was updated during this quarter. All reports, comments, meeting notes, and hydrology data was shared with project partners through our website. All project materials can be viewed at: <https://copperriver.org/copper-river-evos-project-page/> . Password: *contact CRWP for passcode*.

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**2. Abstract:**

Final reporting was the main activity this quarter. We had hoped to move forward planning for some final touch-up work at recently restored sites, but federal funding freezes has delayed progress on the transfer of funds.

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**3. Coordination and Collaboration:**

All progress on these projects requires extensive coordination with partners, including resource managers and landowners. See Table 1 for a list of active project partners. We invite partners to review project designs and invite them to discussions to work through comments and questions and make sure the project continues to meet objectives of all partners.



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Table 1: Copper River EVOS partners and affiliations

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|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| Kevin Keith/ADFG          | Kate Morse/CRWP     | Brennan Cain/Eyak Corporation   |
| Michael Mazzacavallo/ADFG | Kirsti Jurica/CRWP  | Tiffany Beedle/Eyak Corporation |
| Megan Marie/ADFG          | Amy Scudder/CRWP    | Trent Liebich/USFWS             |
| Jeff Stutzke/ADOT         | Ashley Taylor/CRWP  | Marguerite Tibbles/USFWS        |
| Robbie Mattson/ADOT       | Erika Ammann/NOAA   | Anna Senecal/ USFWS             |
| Matt Billings/ADOT        | Steve Namitz/USFS   | Franklin Dekker/USFWS           |
| Dan Adamczak/ADOT         | Ron Britton/ USFS   | Christy Mog/USFS                |
| Luke Boles/ADOT           | Kim Clark/ USFS     |                                 |
| Kirsten Valentine/ USFWS  |                     |                                 |
| Artem Ruppert/ADOT        | Griff Berg/USFS     |                                 |
| Emily Mailman/NOAA        | Jason Johnston/USFS |                                 |
|                           | Josh Latham/USFS    |                                 |

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**4. Response to EVOSTC Review, Recommendations and Comments:**

None received

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**5. Budget:**

This project was awarded prior to the new reporting system, and after conversations with EVOSTC staff, we are continuing with the following budget reporting format.



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Table 2: EVOS culvert status

| -                 | Stream Name              | ADFG Number | CRWP Culvert ID | EVOSTC Total Request | Current Estimated Total costs | Ownership                | Solution                               | Status                 | Upstream Miles |
|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--|------------------------|----------------|
| 2020              | Lower Copper River       | 20100508    | COP 43          | \$ 616,842           | \$ 790,499                    | DOT                      | Replace                                | Constructed/Monitoring | 2.4            |
|                   |                          | 20100510    | COP 44          | \$ 616,847           | \$ 790,504                    | DOT                      | Replace                                | Constructed/Monitoring |                |
|                   |                          | 20100511    | COP 45          | \$ 187,846           | \$ 790,503                    | DOT                      | Replace                                | Constructed/Monitoring |                |
| 2021              | 18 Mile System           | 20100486    | COP 20          | \$ 714,342           | \$ 708,324                    | DOT                      | Replace                                | Constructed/Monitoring | 2.32           |
|                   |                          | 20100488    | COP 22          | \$ 1,006,842         | \$ 993,248                    | DOT                      | Replace                                | Constructed/Monitoring | 5.64           |
|                   |                          | 20100491    | COP 25          | \$ 714,344           | \$ 1,108,688                  | DOT                      | Replace                                | Constructed/Monitoring | 2.38           |
|                   | Sheridan River Tributary | 20101902    | SHER 2          | \$ 58,842            | \$ 187,039                    | USFS/Eyak                | Remove                                 | Constructed/Monitoring | 0.7            |
| 2023              | Black Hole Creek         | 20100499    | COP 33          | \$ 1,006,845         | \$ 1,239,223                  | DOT                      | Replace                                | Completed Aug 2023     | 3.2            |
|                   | Sheridan River Tributary | 20100467    | COP 1           | \$ 1,006,842         | \$ 1,045,954                  | DOT Airport Leasing      | Replace                                | Completed Aug 2023     | 1.5            |
| Remaining         | Sheridan River Tributary | 20100475    | COP 9           | \$ 616,843           | \$ 798,641                    | DOT/Eyak                 | Replace                                | construction 2024      | 1.64           |
|                   |                          | 20101903    | SHER 1          | \$ 331,842           | \$ 741,755                    | USFS/Eyak                | Remove and relocate crossing under CRH | construction 2024      |                |
|                   | Elsner River Tributary   | 20101904    | CAB 1           | \$ 56,342            | \$ 160,654                    | DOT Airport Leasing/Eyak | Remove                                 | construction 2024      | 0.3            |
|                   |                          | 20101905    | CAB 2           | \$ 544,344           | \$ 416,539                    | DOT Airport Leasing/Eyak | Replace                                | construction 2024      |                |
| Total Direct Cost |                          |             |                 | \$ 7,478,963         | \$ 9,771,571                  |                          |  |                        | 21.74          |
| 9% GA             |                          |             |                 | \$ 673,107           | \$ 879,441                    |                          |  |                        |                |
| Total Cost        |                          |             |                 | \$ 8,152,070         | \$ 10,651,012                 |                          |  |                        |                |
| <b>MATCH</b>      |                          | 20100482    | COP 16          |                      |                               | DOT                      | Replace                                | complete               |                |
|                   |                          |             |                 |                      |                               |                          |  |                        |                |



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Table 3: Major expenses by category (estimated. Agency totals are not exact).

| <b>Copper River EVOS Watershed Enhancement Expense Summary</b>      |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| <b>Item or Activity</b>   | <b>Estimated cost</b>  |
| <b>Engineering and Design contracts</b>                             |                        |
| Geotechnical @ all sites & design @ 25 mile:<br>Cop 43, 44, 45      | \$ 318,248.00          |
| Design @ 18 mile: Cop 20, 22, 25                                    | \$ 177,682.50          |
| Design for Cop 1 & 33   | \$ 234,836.00          |
| Design for Cab 2, Cop 9, Sher 1                                     | \$ 234,828.00          |
| <b>Total Estimated Design and Other Contracts</b>                   | <b>\$ 965,594.50</b>   |
| <b>Construction Costs</b>   |                        |
| Construction Inspection 2024  | \$ 44,121.19           |
| Construction @ Cab 1/2 and Sher 1/Cop 9<br>utility re-locate (2024) | \$ 174,700.00          |
| Compaction testing (2023)   | \$ 16,798.41           |
| Construction @ Cop 1, 33 (EVOSTC portion)                           | \$ 36,900.00           |
| purchase culvert (downpayment only)                                 | \$ 836,798.00          |
| Sher 2 Low Water Ford   | \$ 61,233.00           |
| Construction @ 25 mile: Cop 43, 44, 45                              | \$ 83,000.00           |
| Construction @ 18 mile: Cop 20, 22, 25                              | \$ 1,744,839.00        |
| Construction inspection   | \$ 2,178,145.96        |
| Compaction testing (2020)   | \$ 230,527.65          |
| <b>Total Estimated Construction Costs</b>                           | <b>\$ 5,426,051.71</b> |
| <b>Project Management</b>   |                        |
| CRWP  | \$ 522,675.97          |
| USFWS   | \$ 140,051.07          |
| USFS  | \$ 24,000.00           |
| ADFG  | \$ 34,650.00           |
| NOAA  | \$ 26,307.00           |
| ADOT  | \$ 68,310.45           |
| Audit Costs (2020 & 2021, 2023)                                     | \$ 58,961.39           |
| <b>Total Estimated Project Management Costs</b>                     | <b>\$ 874,955.88</b>   |
| <b>Total estimated costs</b>  | <b>\$ 7,266,602.09</b> |
| <b>Award</b>  | <b>\$ 7,478,963.00</b> |
| <b>Funds remaining</b>  | <b>\$ 212,360.91</b>   |
| <i>allocated for USFS monitoring</i>                                | <i>\$ 160,410.00</i>   |
| <i>Remaining for 2025 additional veg work</i>                       | <i>\$ 51,950.91</i>    |