



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

Project Number: Project 24220611

Project Title: Big Eddy Restoration and Improvements

Principal Investigator(s): Shannon Martin, Kenai River Sportfishing Association

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: 3/01/2025

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**

N/A

☐ **Budget reallocation request.**

N/A

☐ **Personnel changes.**

N/A



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1. Summary of Work Performed:

Summary of Work completed by Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation (DPOR):

- DPOR built a basemap for design and work continued on the 35% design package. Site visit to verify parking right-of-way.
 - OHA team worked on writing an archaeological survey report of findings for the site. Travel costs for summer fieldwork were finalized and hit the budget in November, 2024. Final report still expected in February 2025.
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2. Abstract:

This project will improve the 16.7-acre Big Eddy Day Use Area by restoring and protecting habitat and enhancing recreational and tourism opportunities. The scope of work in this project includes demolishing over 100 linear feet of existing elevated walkway, 350 square feet of viewing deck, and a set of river access stairs that have surpassed their intended design lives and are in a state of disrepair.

160 feet of next-generation elevated light-penetrating (ELP) walkway with river access stairs will be constructed for river access that protects riparian resources. 150 feet of deteriorating riverbank will be restored using bio-engineered techniques. Additionally, two interpretive signs will be updated.

The project will expand riverbank protection and access opportunities to the greater Big Eddy facility. Construction of up to 850 linear feet of new ELP walkway and five sets of river access stairs will be installed to disperse use in a managed fashion. A 30-stall parking area will also be constructed away from the riverbank to meet user demand and help prevent haphazard in sensitive riparian areas. The work will also include three interpretive panels to facilitate redirecting human impact and to promote public participation in the long-term success of the project and project objectives.

Lastly a 500-foot section of Big Eddy Road that goes through the park unit and the existing gravel parking area will be paved. An orientation kiosk will be constructed at the existing parking area to help with site messaging and wayfinding within the facility.

3. Coordination and Collaboration:

Not applicable during this reporting period.



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4. Response to EVOSTC Review, Recommendations and Comments:

Executive Director Comments:

This project appears to be progressing as planned. The PI consistently submits quarterly reports late and only after reminders from staff. It is hard to reach the PI; staff frequently do not receive responses to their inquiries. Funding for this project is managed by ADNR. KRSA bills a 40% indirect rate, which while included in its approved proposal, is worth noting since it is unusually high. The PI has not returned multiple emails regarding presenting this project at the PAC meeting. Shannon did not show up for the PAC meeting, and no one else was there to present or answer questions regarding the project.

PAC Comments:

Whissel introduced a motion to proceed with major concerns and to rescind all funding if any further reports are late or meetings missed. He suggested revoking funds if there is not 100% compliance in the future. Borer seconded the motion. Quinn-Davidson noted in their financial procedures, they cannot release reimbursement or additional funding until reports are submitted, but it does not require reports to be on time. Whissel emphasized the PI's behavior was unacceptable. The PI should fulfill requirements and submit reports on time before larger funding amounts are released. They should have one more chance before funding is cut. Wang noted they released a little over \$2 million for FY24. FY25 will be the last release of another \$2 million.

Stephens asked if reports include an opportunity to comment on delays and issues and whether they could request meetings with the PI to obtain more frequent updates before cutting funding. Wang stated the reports are focused on the project, and the PI just does not answer communications. She pondered possible excuses, but Council staff manage many projects, and it is difficult to micromanage them. They are willing to work with PIs and extend deadlines, but they need to be able to communicate with PIs first.

Whissel suggested if the PI cannot manage the easier work, they will fail to manage the larger construction work. Borer added he does not like begging people and making excuses for those who do not even respond. There was no opposition to the motion, and it passed unanimously.

PI Response:

No questions were noted in the comments from the ED or PAC in the EVOSTC Biennial Review. Comments are summarized as quarterly reports being turned in late and noted absence at the biennial meeting. The PI contacted EVOSTC staff and arranged a meeting to discuss communication issues and address budget questions. The PI, DPOR, and EVOSTC staff all



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attended a meeting and collaborated to resolve the reporting issues. The PI has committed to meeting future reporting deadlines, and should there be future reporting delays to communicate to EVOSTC staff in advance of due dates.

5. Budget:

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	\$2,250	\$2,250	\$2,250	\$2,250	\$0	\$9,000	\$0	\$6,750
Travel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Contractual	\$0	\$0	\$1,414,100	\$1,414,100	\$0	\$2,828,200	\$22,689	\$102,167
Commodities	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Indirect Costs (40%)	\$900	\$900	\$566,540	\$566,540	\$0	\$1,134,880	\$1,413	\$7,668
SUBTOTAL	\$3,150	\$3,150	\$1,982,890	\$1,982,890	\$0	\$3,972,080	\$24,102	\$116,585
General Administration (9% of subtotal)	\$284	\$284	\$178,460	\$178,460	\$0	\$357,487	\$0	\$0
PROJECT TOTAL	\$3,434	\$3,434	\$2,161,350	\$2,161,350	\$0	\$4,329,567	\$24,102	\$116,585
Other Resources (In-Kind Funds)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$351,900